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(54) **HYDRAULIC DRIVE SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN HYDRAULIC WORK MACHINE**

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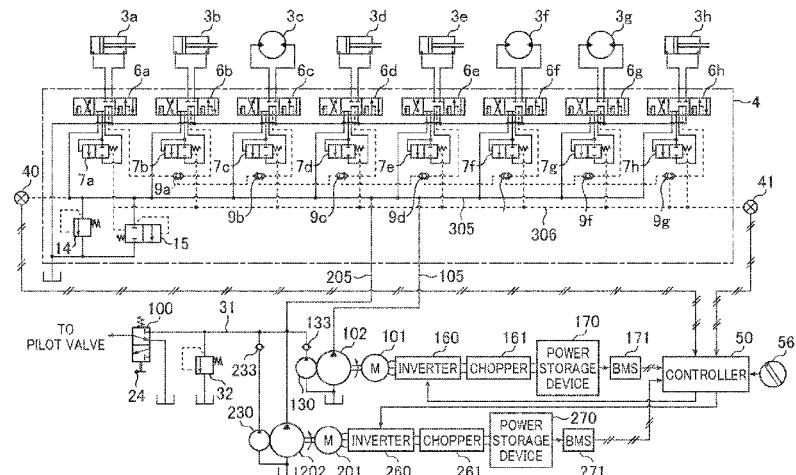
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine makes it possible to make a rated voltage of various electric equipment such as power storage devices common to one of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine that is capable of being operated with lower horsepower and to prevent that only a power storage situation of

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one of the plurality of power storage devices significantly degrades together with operation of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine and besides, to extend a time period within which each of actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine can obtain a predetermined speed. Accordingly, a controller **50** includes a virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** and electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53**. Variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** are provided in the electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53**, and limit values  $q1^*$ limit and  $q2^*$ limit for a virtual displacement of the variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** are changed such that a charge state of a power storage device **170** and a charge state of another power storage device **270** become equal to each other.

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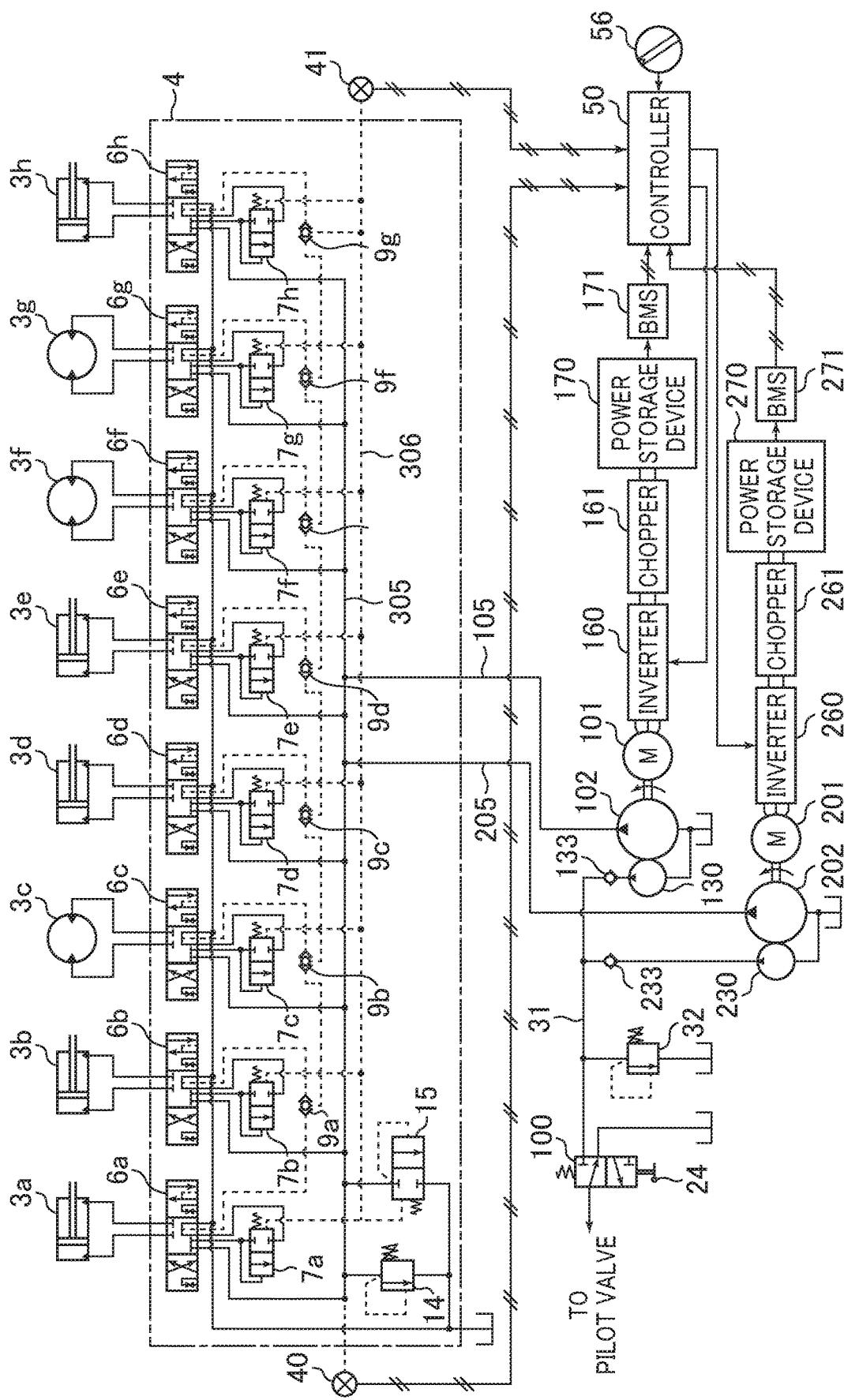


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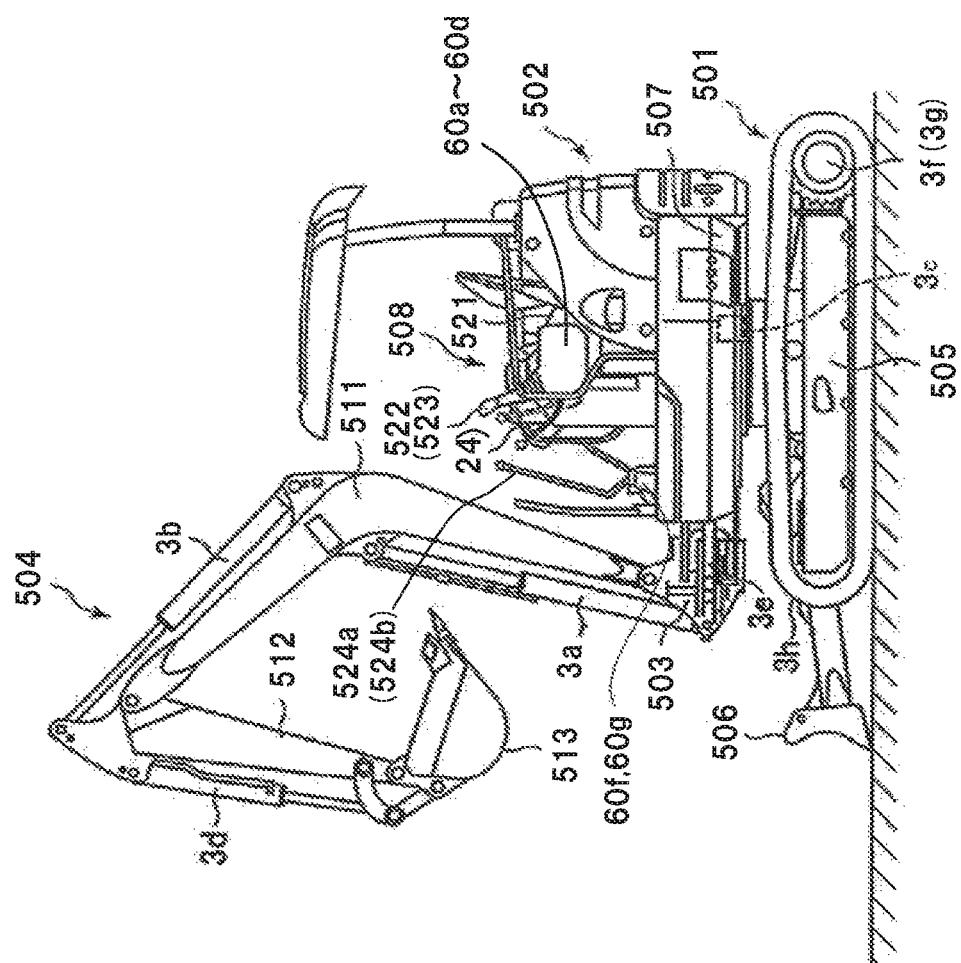


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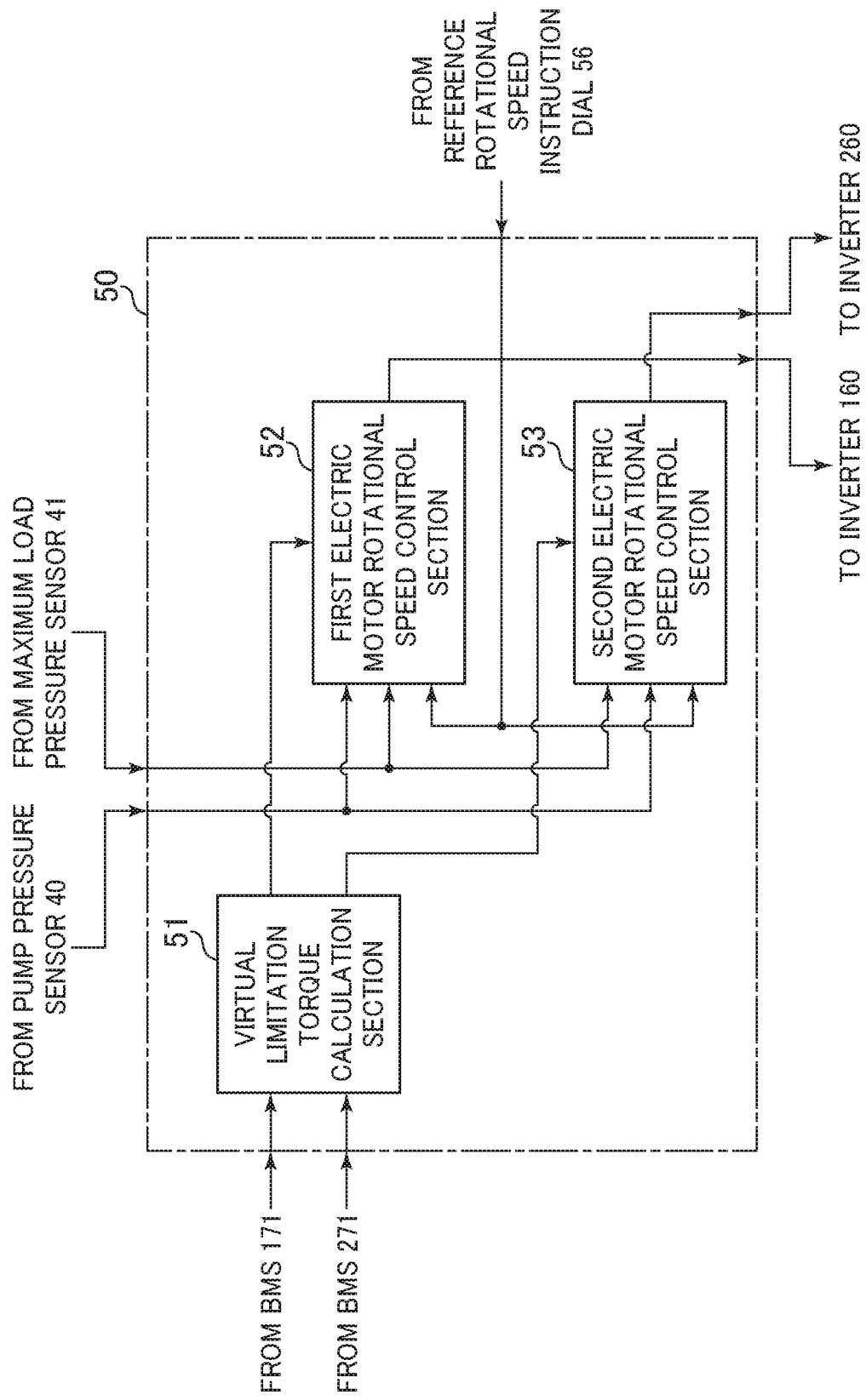


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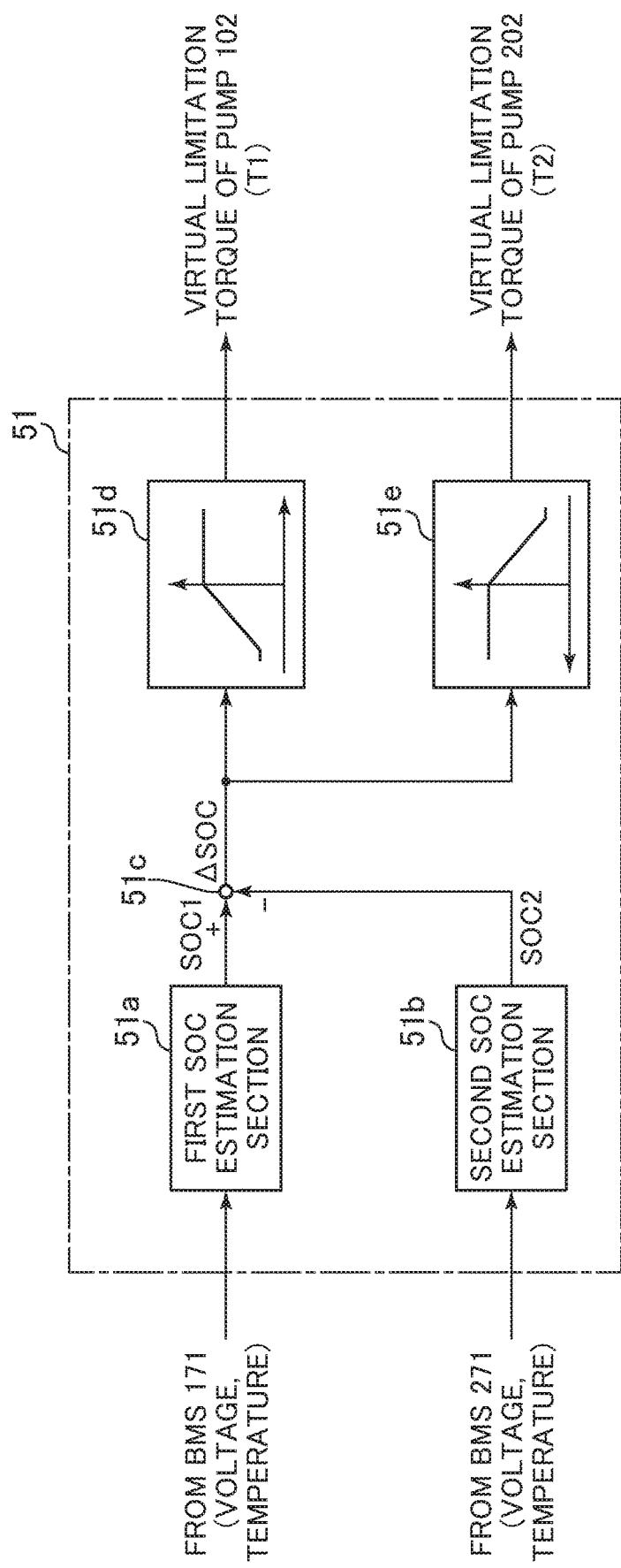


FIG. 5A

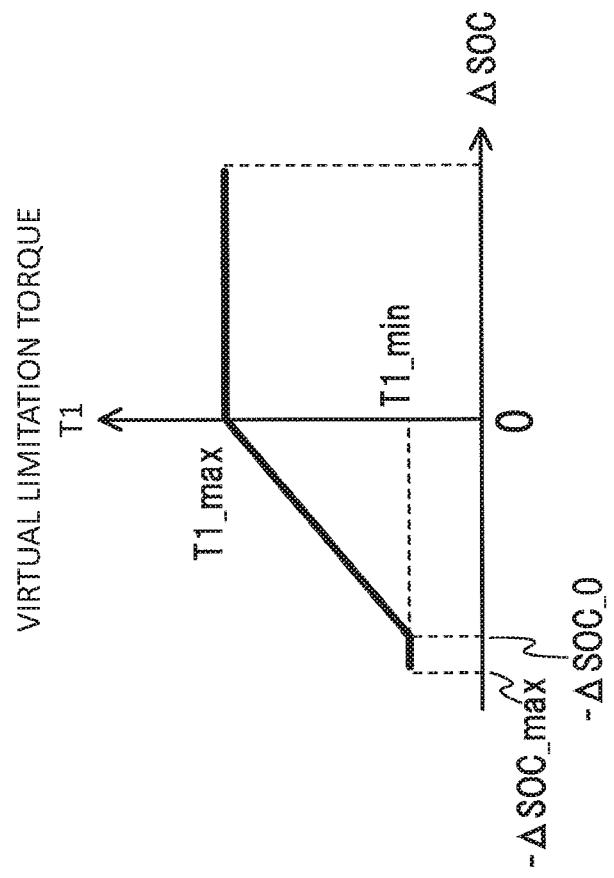
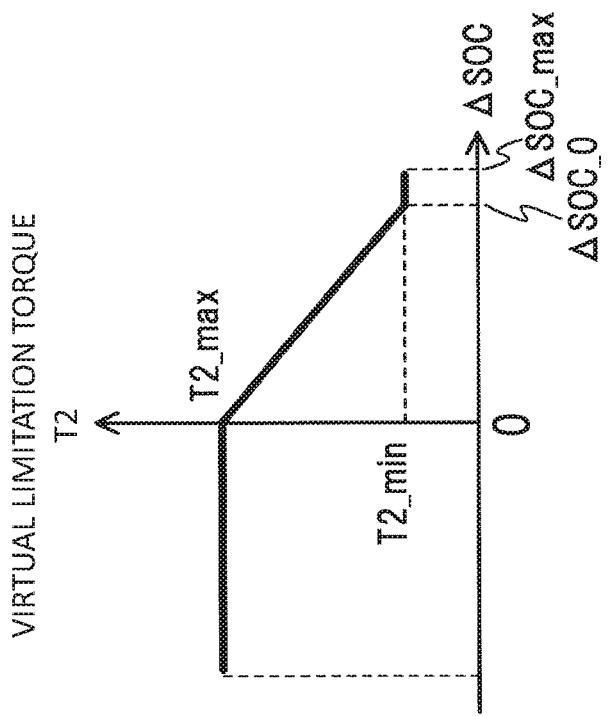


FIG. 5B



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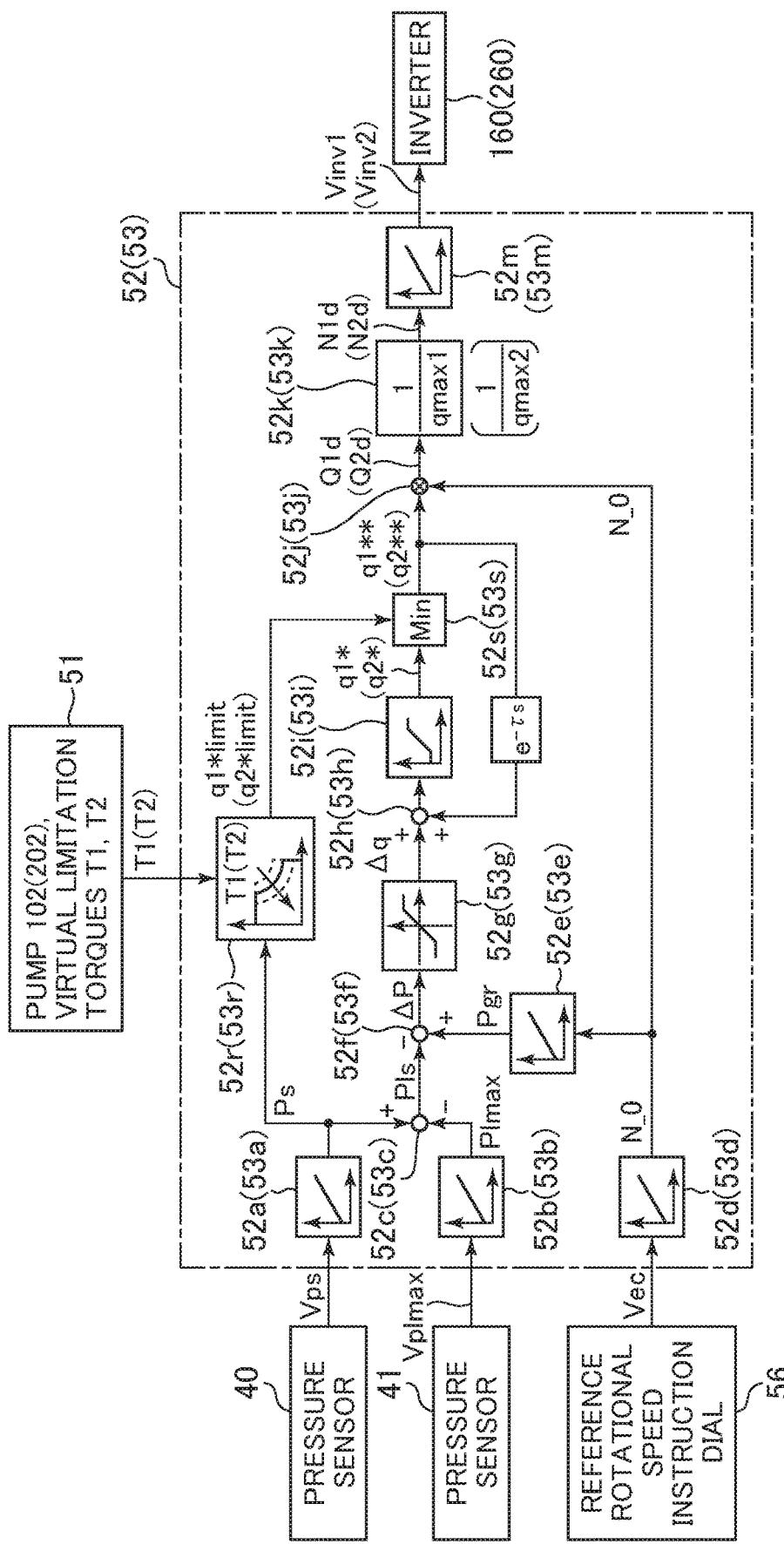


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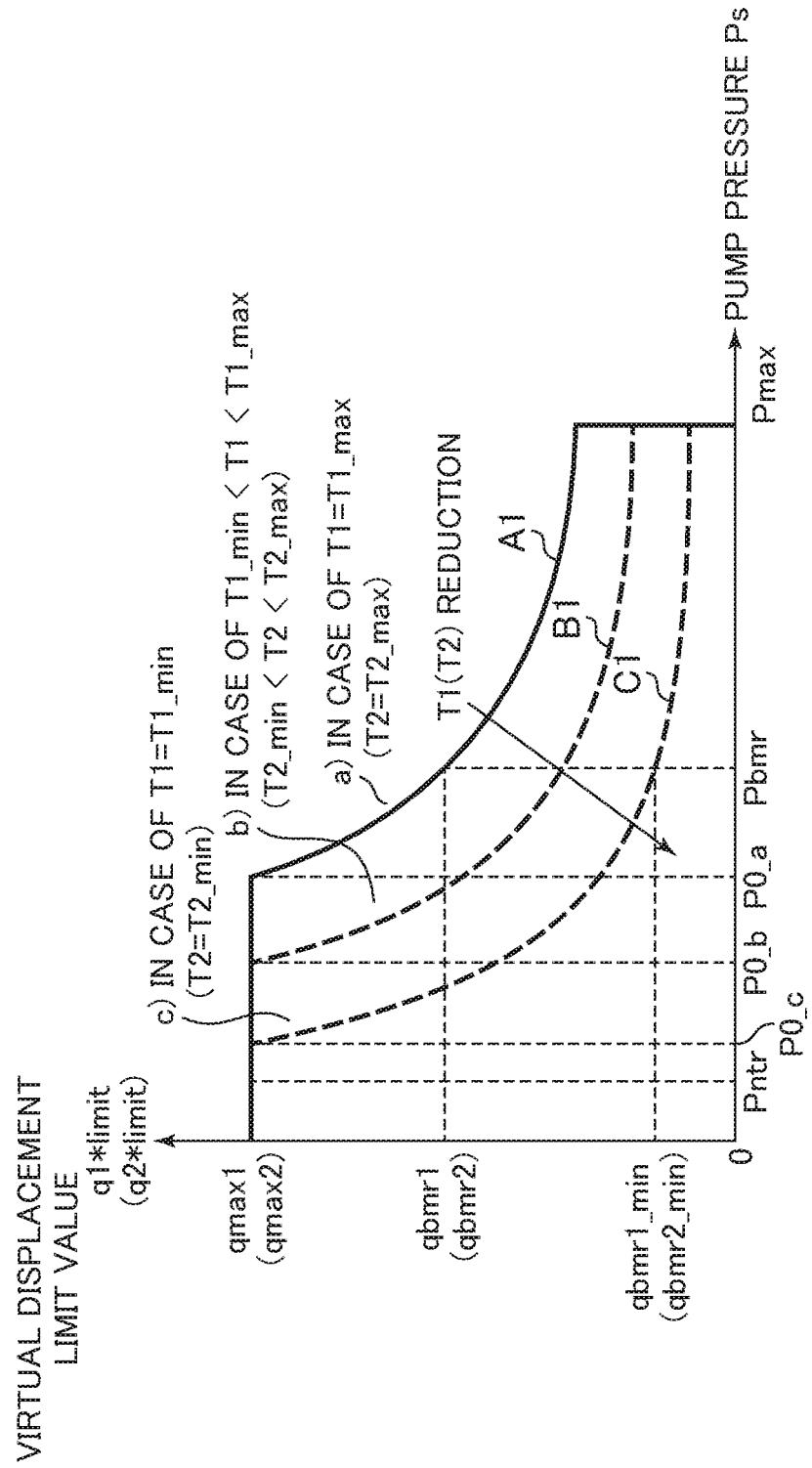
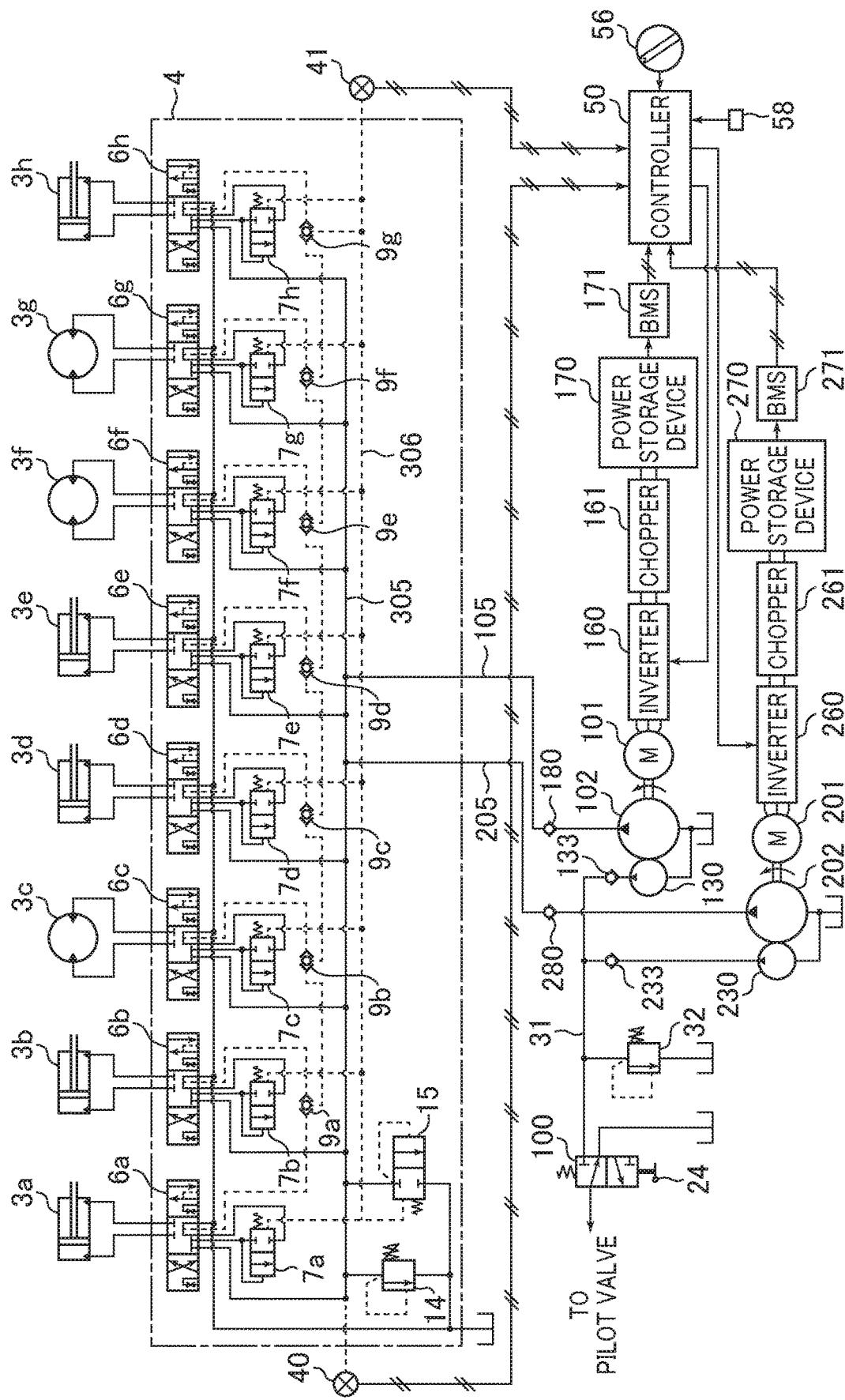


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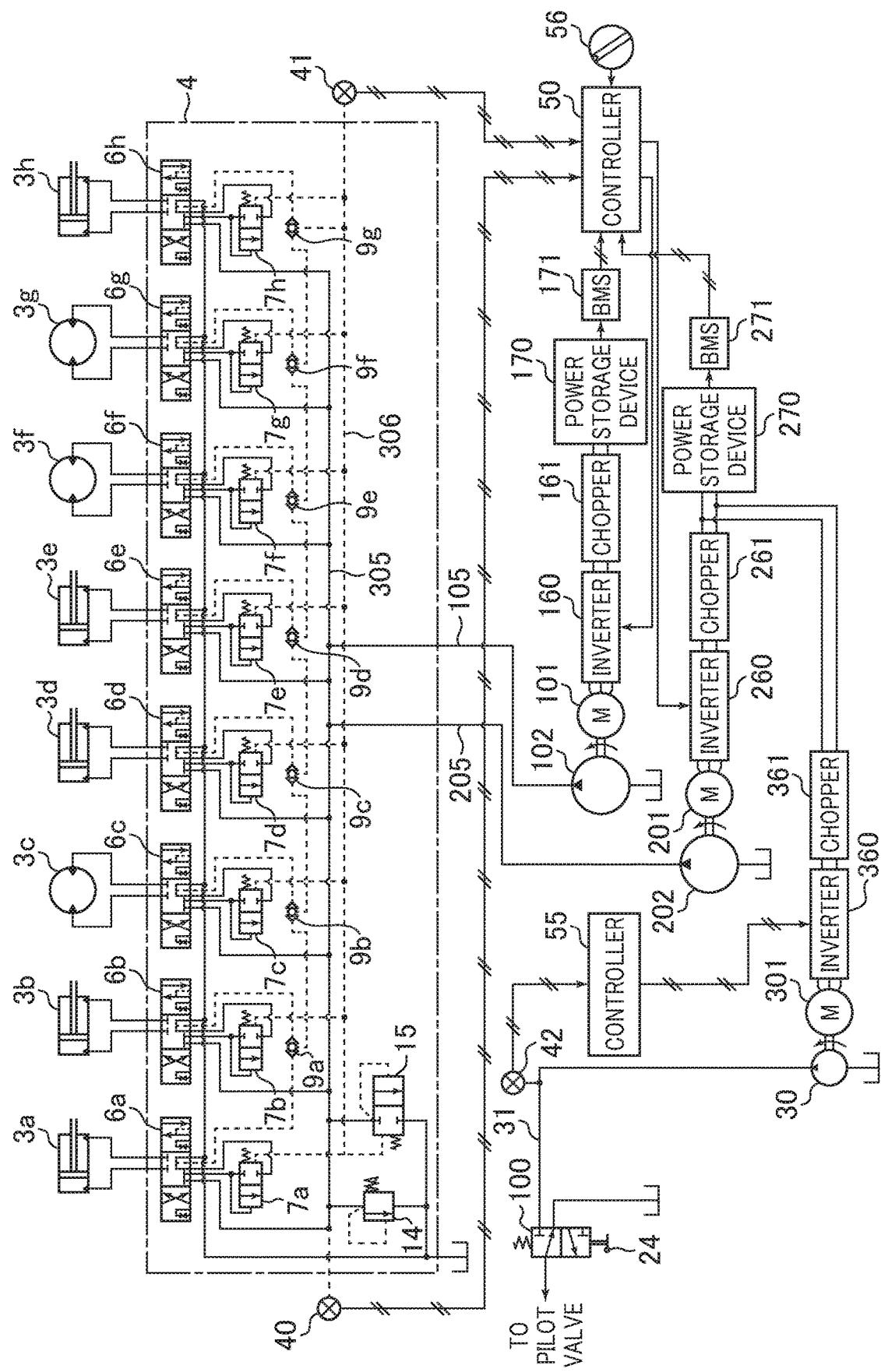


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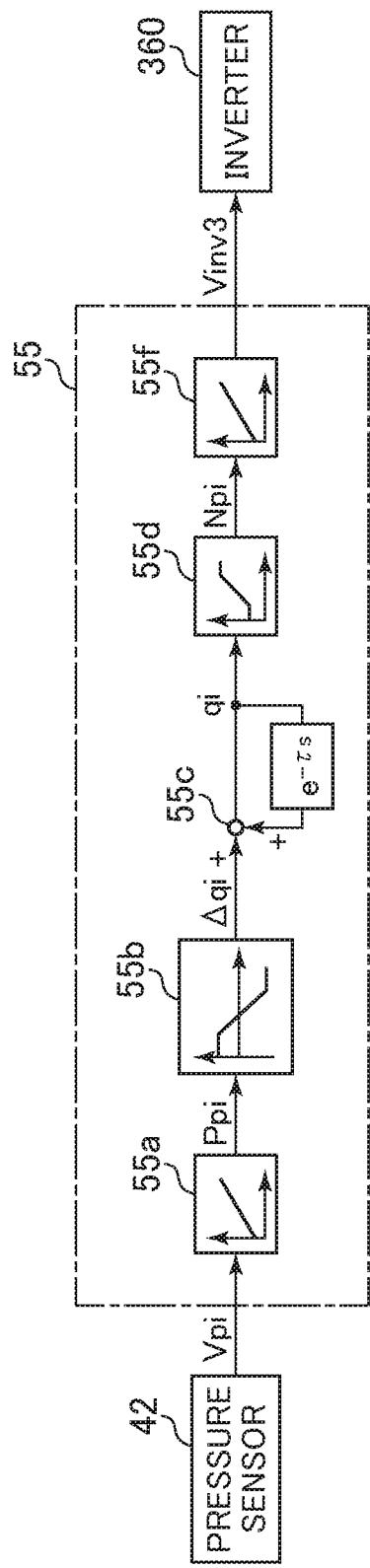


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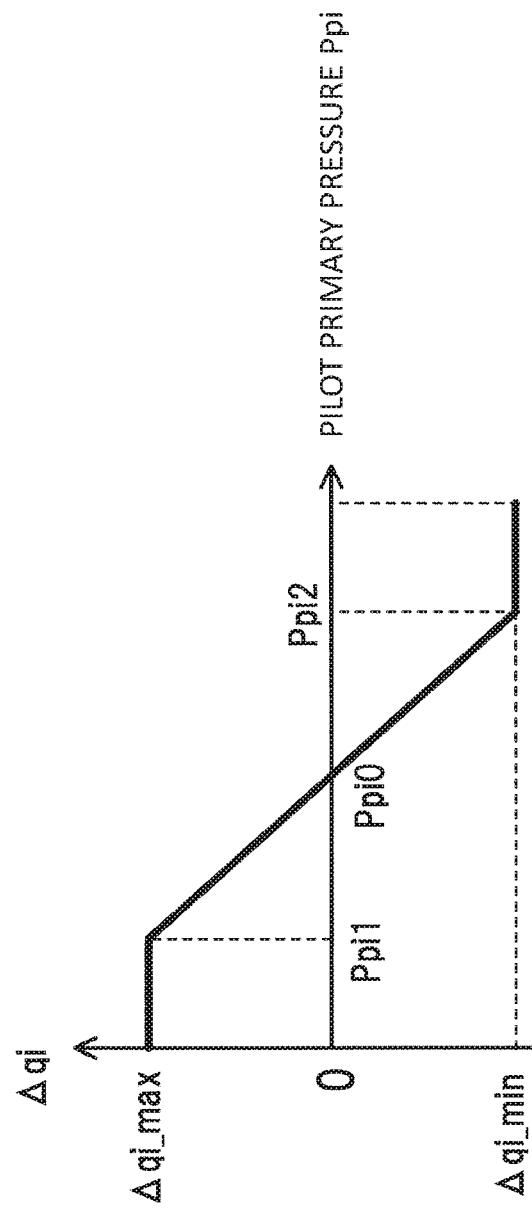


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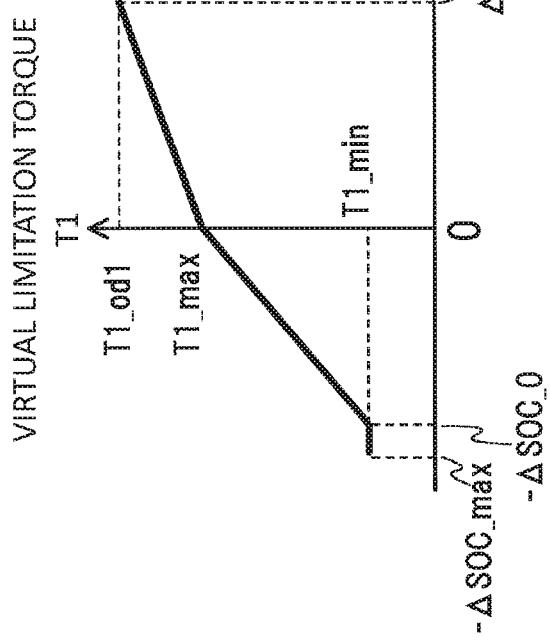


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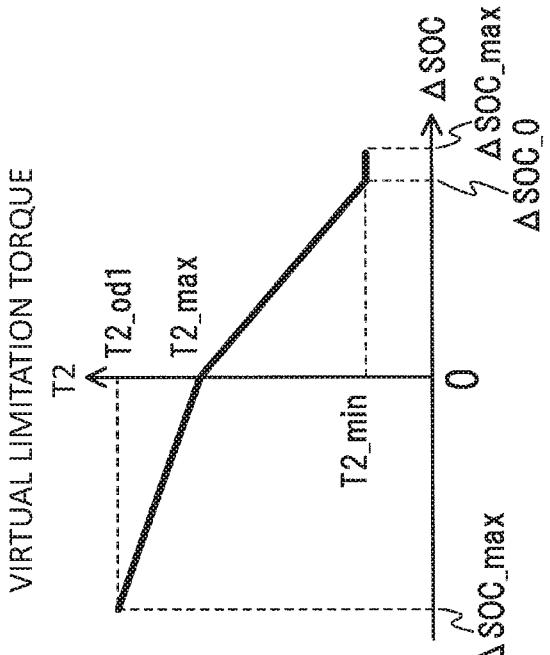


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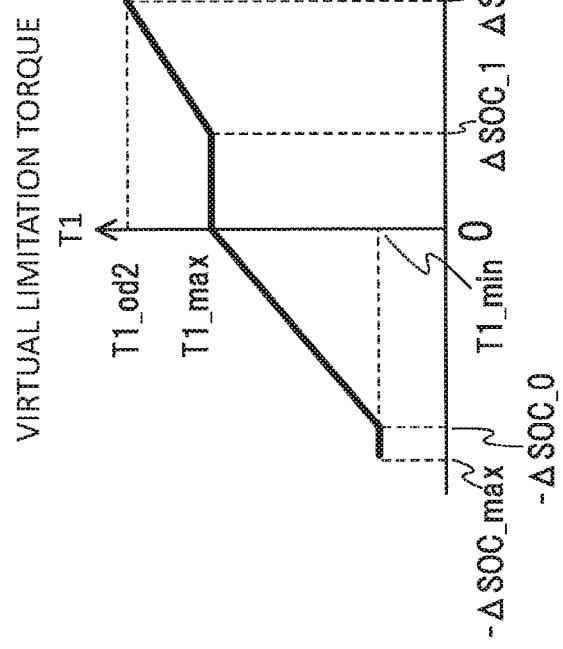
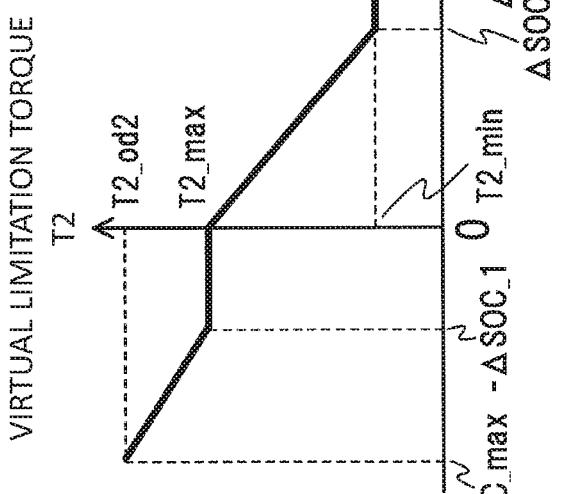
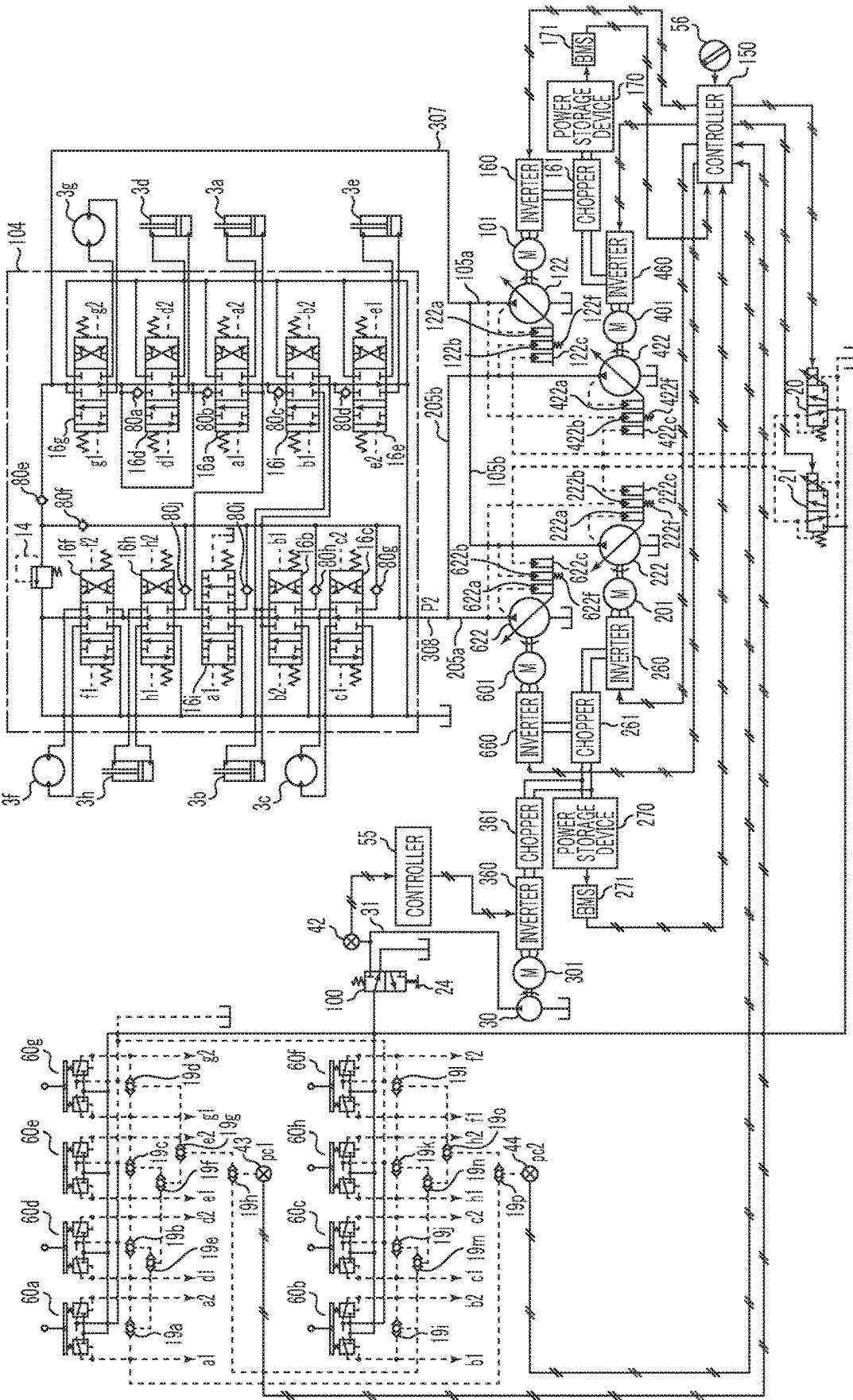


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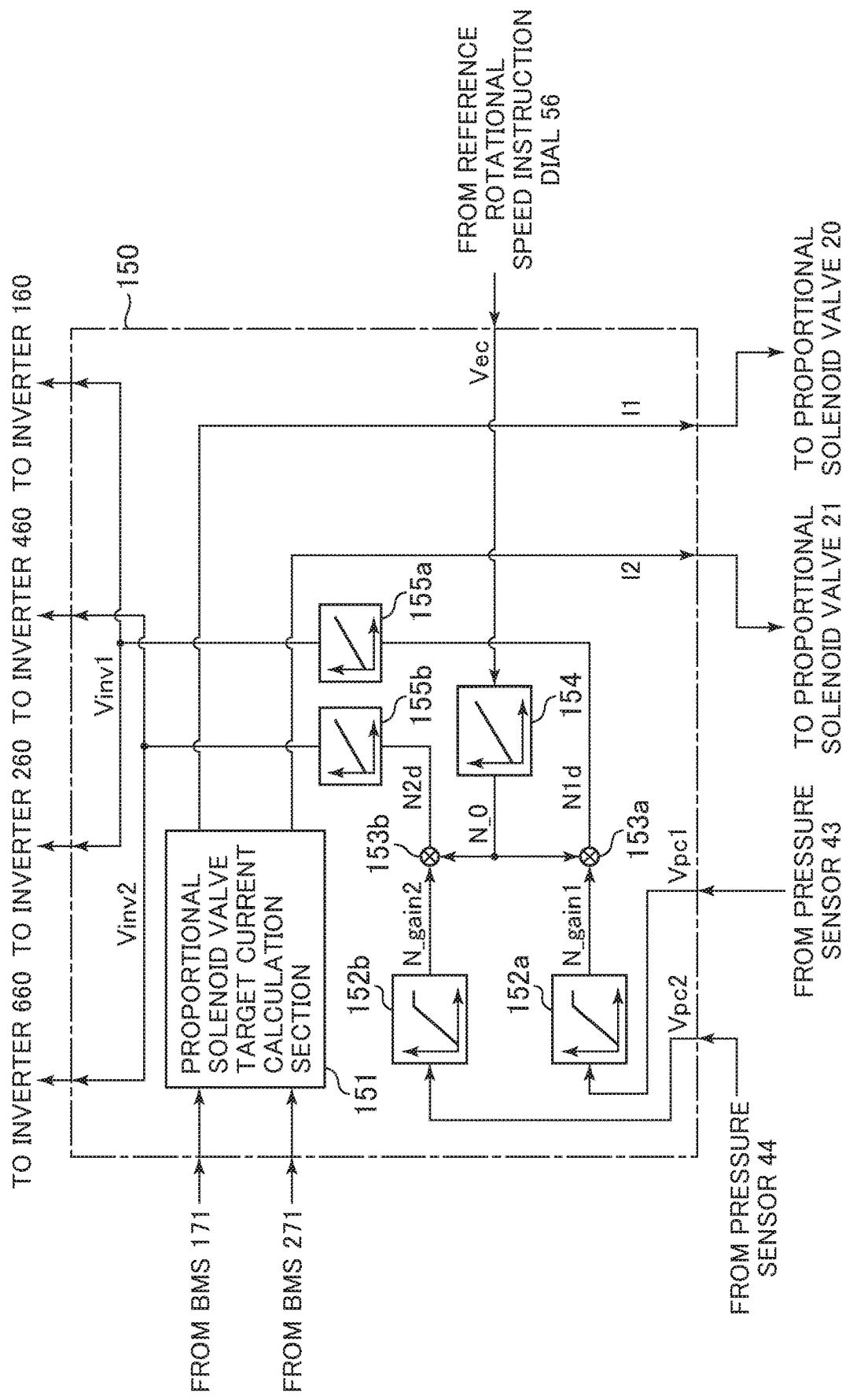


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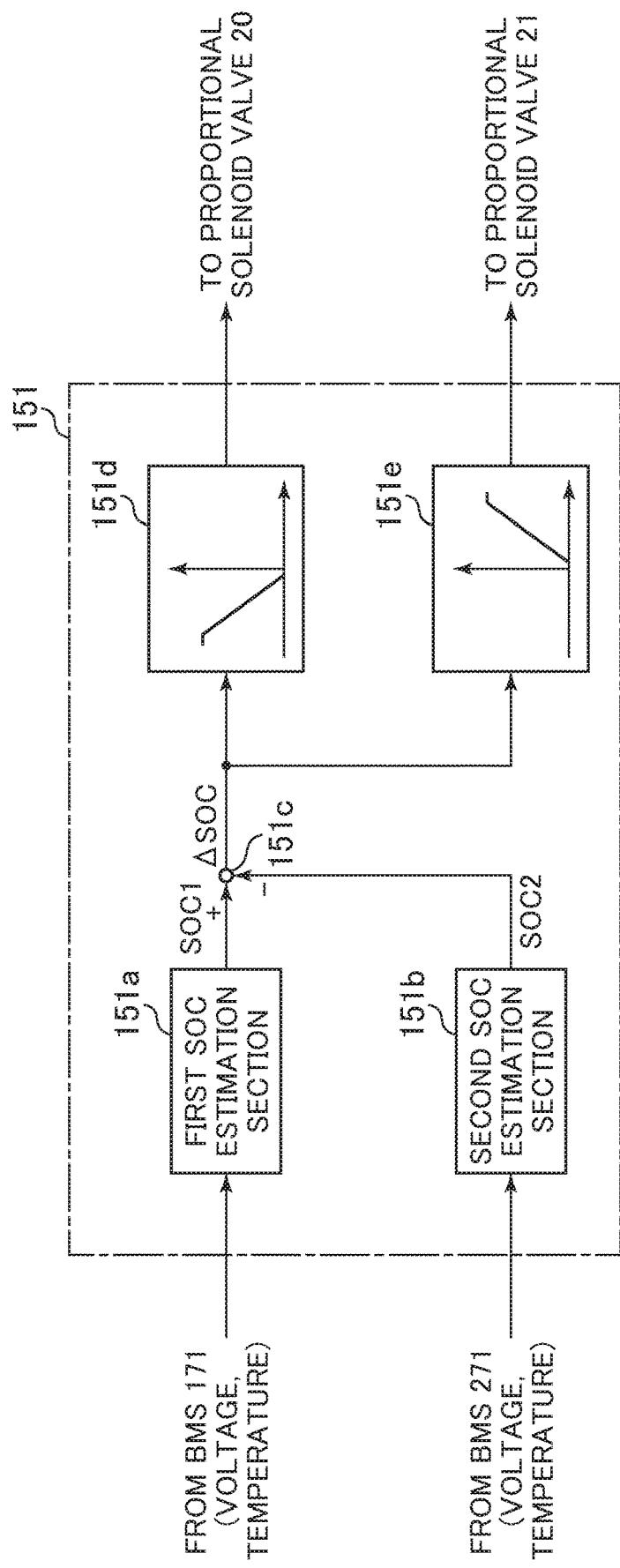


FIG. 16A

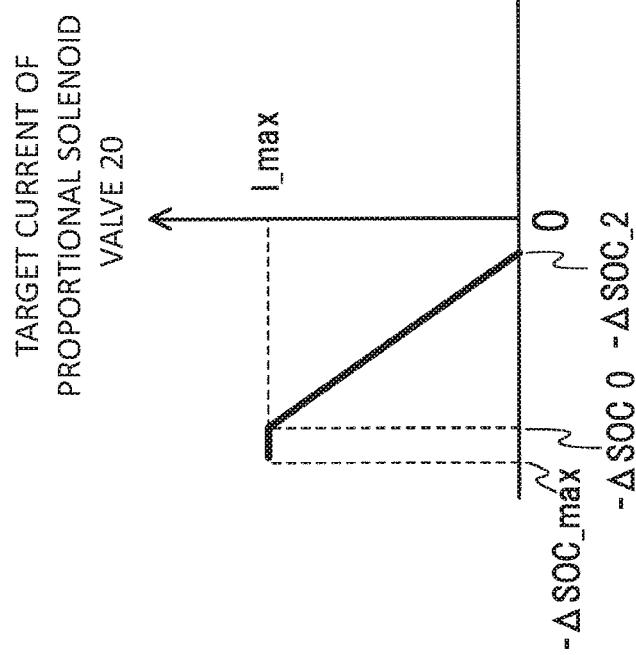


FIG. 16B

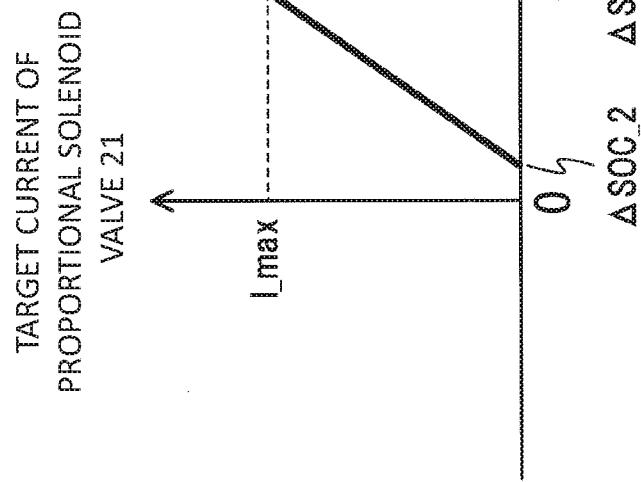
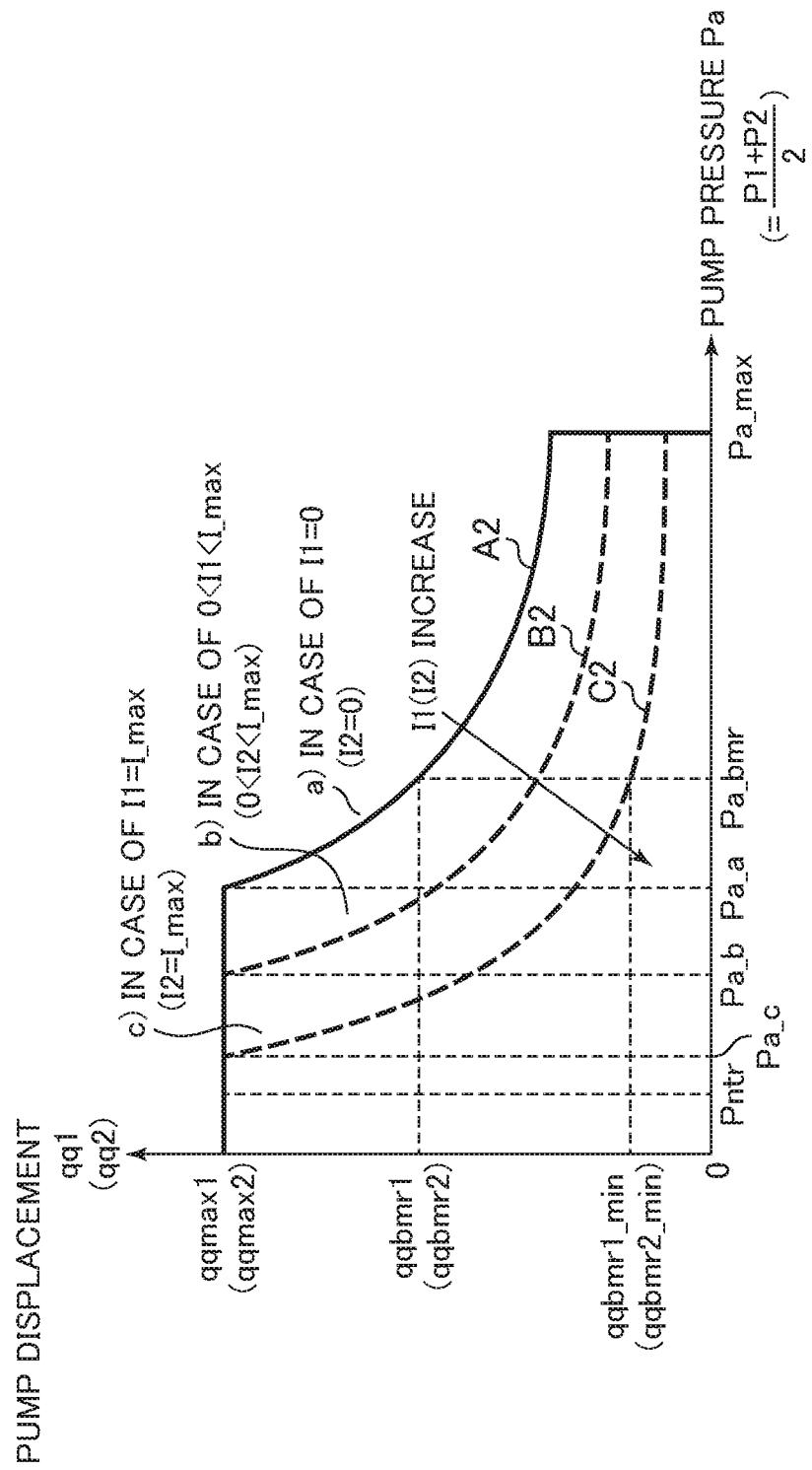


FIG. 17



## HYDRAULIC DRIVE SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN HYDRAULIC WORK MACHINE

### TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine such as a hydraulic excavator in which a hydraulic pump is driven by an electric motor to drive actuators to perform various works, and particularly to the hydraulic drive system that controls a rotational speed of an electric motor for driving the hydraulic pump such that absorption torque of the hydraulic pump becomes equal to or lower than a certain value, thereby to perform so-called horsepower control.

### BACKGROUND ART

A conventional technology of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine such as a hydraulic excavator in which a hydraulic pump is driven by an electric motor to drive actuators to perform various works is disclosed in Patent Document 1 and Patent Document 2.

According to Patent Document 1, a configuration is proposed in which a hydraulic pump of fixed displacement type driven by an electric motor is provided and the rotational speed of the electric motor is controlled such that a differential pressure between a delivery pressure of the hydraulic pump and a maximum load pressure of a plurality of actuators is fixed to perform load sensing control. If this technology is used, then the number of hydraulic pipes can be decreased from that, in an alternative case in which the load sensing control is performed using a hydraulic pump of variable displacement type, and it is facilitated to apply high-efficiency load sensing control to a small-sized hydraulic excavator or the like in which the necessary installation space is small.

Meanwhile, according to Patent Document 2, an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine is proposed in which a hydraulic pump is configured as that of the variable displacement type including only a horsepower controlling function and a controlling algorithm that simulates a horsepower control characteristic of a hydraulic pump of the variable displacement type is provided in a controller for controlling the rotational speed of an electric motor. If this technology is used, then a power storage device that is a power source for the electric motor can be made long-lasting and besides, the electric motor can be downsized in addition to the advantages of Patent Document 1.

### PRIOR ART DOCUMENT

#### Patent Document

Patent Document 1: JP-2008-256037-A

Patent Document 2: WO 2013/058326

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

#### Problem to be Solved by the Invention

However, also in the case where the conventional technologies disclosed in Patent Document 1 and Patent Document 2 are used, there is such a problem as described below.

In general, if horsepower required for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine increases, also an electric motor having high rated output power must be selected in response to the increase of the horsepower. However, if the

rated output power of the electric motor increases, then there is a case in which the rated voltage becomes high in order to avoid current that flows in the electric motor and an inverter, which is a controlling circuit for the electric motor, 5 from becoming high (for example, while the rated voltage where the rated output power is 20 kW is 200 V, the rated voltage where the rated output power is 40 kW is 400 V).

In this case, the rated voltage of a power storage device or the rated voltage of a step-up/step-down chopper cannot 10 be made common to that of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine that is capable of being operated with lower horsepower and it is necessary to set rated voltages of a power storage device and a step-up/step-down chopper for exclusive use, and this is cumbersome.

15 As a countermeasure for avoidance of the cumbersome-ness, it is conceivable to provide a plurality of systems of a hydraulic pump, an electric motor, an inverter, a step-up/ step-down chopper, a power storage device, and so forth in parallel to one another such that hydraulic fluids delivered 20 from the plurality of systems of the pumps are merged and supplied to a plurality of flow control valves for controlling hydraulic supplied to fluids to the actuators.

According to the countermeasure, since hydraulic fluids delivered from the hydraulic pumps of the plurality of 25 systems are merged, the actuators can be operated at a predetermined speed, and the rated voltage of the power storage device or the rated voltage of the step-up/step-down chopper can be made common to that of the electrically- driven hydraulic work machine that is capable of being 30 operated with lower horsepower.

However, also in the case where such a configuration as described above is adopted, there is a problem in the following cases.

First, since a plurality of systems of a hydraulic pump, an 35 electric motor, an inverter, a step-up/step-down chopper, and a power storage device are provided in parallel to one another, even in the case where the plurality of systems of the hydraulic pumps have same specifications and generate equal power, a small difference sometimes occurs in electric 40 power consumption of the power storage devices due to the machine efficiency of the plurality of systems of the hydraulic pumps, efficiencies of the inverters and step-up/step-down choppers, and so forth.

Second, although the power storage device is in most 45 cases configured normally by connecting a plurality of cells in series, voltages of the cells have some dispersion, and the voltage of a cell whose voltage decreases most from among the plurality of cells has a strong influence on the charge state (=SOC (State of Charge)) of the power storage device.

50 Therefore, in the case where a plurality of systems of power storage devices are provided as described above, even if the plurality of systems of power storage devices should consume fully equal electric power, a different SOC is sometimes indicated due to a difference in dispersion of the 55 voltages of the plurality of cells configuring each of the plurality of systems of power storage devices.

In such first and second cases as described above, when the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine is continuously operated, unbalance occurs in the SOC of the plurality 60 of systems of power storage devices described above and, as a result, the SOC of one of the power storage devices becomes lower than a minimum usable level earlier, which disables the power storage device, in some cases.

In such a case as just described, there is a problem that one 65 of the plurality of systems of power storage devices is disabled and the hydraulic pump that has been driven by an electric motor to which electric power has been supplied by

the disabled power storage device stops the supply of hydraulic fluid, which significantly decreases the actuator speed of each of the actuators of the hydraulic work machine and hence the workability of the hydraulic work machine.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine in which a plurality of power storage devices, a plurality of electric motors, and a plurality of hydraulic pumps are provided in parallel to one another such that the rated voltage of each of various electric equipment such as power storage devices can be made common to that of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine that is capable of being operated with lower horsepower and it is prevented that only the power storage situation of one of the plurality of power storage devices significantly degrades together with operation of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine and besides, the time period within which each of the actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine can obtain a predetermined speed can be extended.

#### Means for Solving the Problem

In order to solve the problems described above, according to the present invention, a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine including a first hydraulic pump, a plurality of actuators driven by hydraulic fluid supplied from the first hydraulic pump, a plurality of flow control valves that control directions and flow rates of the hydraulic fluids to be supplied to the plurality of actuators, a first electric motor that drives the first hydraulic pump, a first power storage device for supplying electric power to the first electric motor, and a first horsepower control device configured to decrease, when a delivery pressure of the first hydraulic pump increases, a delivery flow rate of the first hydraulic pump to control an absorption horsepower of the first hydraulic pump so as not to exceed a first allowable value, the hydraulic drive system comprising a second hydraulic pump, a common hydraulic fluid supply line in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the first and second hydraulic pumps are merged and are supplied to the plurality of flow control valves, a second electric motor that drives the second hydraulic pump, a second power storage device that supplies electric power to the second electric motor, a second horsepower control device configured to decrease, when a delivery pressure of the second hydraulic pump increases, a delivery flow rate of the second hydraulic pump to control an absorption horsepower of the second hydraulic pump so as not to exceed a second allowable value, and a controller including a horsepower distribution control section configured to change at least one of the first and second allowable values of the first and second horsepower control devices such that a charge state of the first power storage device and a charge state of the second power storage device become equal to each other.

Since the second hydraulic pump, second electric motor, second power storage device, and the common hydraulic fluid supply line in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the first and second hydraulic pumps are merged are provided in addition to the first hydraulic pump, first electric motor, and first power storage device such that the merged hydraulic fluids are supplied to the plurality of flow control valves and then are further supplied to the plurality of actuators in such a manner as described above, the rated voltage of various electric equipment such as the power storage devices can be made common to that of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine that is capable of being operated with lower horse power.

Further, by providing the controller including the horsepower distribution control section that changes at least one of the first and second allowable values of the first and second horsepower control devices such that the charge state of the first power storage device and the charge state of the second power storage device become equal to each other, even in the case where there is a difference between machine efficiencies of the first and second hydraulic pumps (plurality of hydraulic pumps) or in efficiency of electric equipment such as inverters or step-up/step-down choppers that control the rotational speed of the plurality of electric motors for individually driving the plurality of hydraulic pumps or even in the case where there is a difference in electric power consumption amount or charge state characteristic of the plurality of power storage devices, the difference gradually decrease while the charge states of the plurality of power storage devices are controlled so as to become equal to each other. Therefore, it is prevented that the power storage situation of only one of the plurality of power storage devices significantly degrades, and the time period within which each of the actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine obtain a predetermined speed can be extended.

#### Effect of the Invention

According to the present invention, the rated voltage of each of various electric equipment such as a power storage device can be made common to that of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine that is capable of being operated with lower horsepower.

Further, according to the present invention, the time period within which each of the actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine obtains a predetermined speed can be extended.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

40 FIG. 1 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a view depicting an appearance of an electrically-driven hydraulic excavator in which the hydraulic drive system of the present invention is incorporated.

45 FIG. 3 is a block diagram depicting functions of a controller.

FIG. 4 is a block diagram depicting functions of a virtual torque calculation section of the controller.

FIG. 5A is a view depicting a characteristic of a first table of the virtual torque calculation section.

FIG. 5B is a view depicting a characteristic of a second table of the virtual torque calculation section.

50 FIG. 6 is a block diagram depicting functions of first and second electric motor rotational speed control sections of the controller.

FIG. 7 is a view depicting a characteristic of a variable horsepower controlling table in the first and second electric motor rotational speed control sections.

55 FIG. 8 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to a second embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 9 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to a third embodiment of the present invention.

60 FIG. 10 is a block diagram depicting functions of a controller for a pilot pump.

FIG. 11 is a view depicting a characteristic of a table for calculation of an increase/decrease amount of a virtual displacement of the controller for a pilot pump.

FIG. 12A is a view depicting a modification to the characteristic of the first table of the virtual torque calculation section.

FIG. 12B is a view depicting a modification to the characteristic of the second table of the virtual torque calculation section.

FIG. 12C is a view depicting another modification to the characteristic of the first table of the virtual torque calculation section.

FIG. 12D is a view depicting another modification to the characteristic of the second table of the virtual torque calculation section.

FIG. 13 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 14 is a block diagram depicting functions of the controller.

FIG. 15 is a block diagram depicting a function of a proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section of the controller.

FIG. 16A is a view depicting a characteristic of a first table of the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section.

FIG. 16B is a view depicting a characteristic of a second table of the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section.

FIG. 17 is a view depicting a horsepower control characteristic by a regulator piston of a main pump of variable displacement type.

#### MODES FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

In the following, embodiments of the present invention are described with reference to the drawings.

##### First Embodiment

###### —Structure—

FIG. 1 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine (hydraulic excavator) according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

The hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment includes electric motors 101 and 201 (first and second electric motors), main pumps 102 and 202 (first and second hydraulic pumps) of fixed displacement type driven by the electric motors 101 and 201, respectively, pilot pumps 130 and 230 of fixed displacement type, a boom cylinder 3a, an arm cylinder 3b, a swing motor 3c, a bucket cylinder 3d, a swing cylinder 3e, travel motors 3f and 3g, and a blade cylinder 3h that are a plurality of actuators driven by hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type, hydraulic fluid supply lines 105 and 205 that introduce hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type to the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g and 3h, and a control valve block 4 that is provided on the downstream of the hydraulic fluid supply lines 105 and 205 and to which hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type are introduced.

The control valve block 4 includes a common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 that is connected to the hydraulic fluid supply lines 105 and 205 and in which hydraulic fluids

delivered from the main pumps 102 and 202 are merged, a plurality of flow control valves 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 6g, and 6h that are connected to the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 and control a direction and a flow rate of hydraulic fluid to be supplied from the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 to each of the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, and 3h, pressure compensating valves 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, and 7h that respectively control differential pressures across the plurality of flow control valves 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 6g, and 6h, a main relief valve 14 that is provided in the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 and controls a pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 so as not to become equal to or higher than a set pressure, shuttle valves 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, and 9g that are each connected to a load port of each of the plurality of flow control valves 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 6g, and 6h and detects a highest load pressure Plmax of the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, and 3h and outputs the detected highest load pressure Plmax to a highest load hydraulic fluid line 306, and an unload valve 15 that is connected to the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 and selects, when the pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 becomes higher than a pressure (unload valve set pressure) obtained by adding a set pressure of a spring to the highest load pressure Plmax of the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, and 3h, an open state to return the hydraulic fluid of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 to a tank.

The spring that determines an operation pressure of the unload valve 15 has a spring force set such that, when 30 operation levers of a plurality of operation devices that command operation of the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, and 3h are in a neutral position, the pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 becomes a little higher than a target LS differential pressure Pgr (hereinafter described).

Further, the hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment includes a hydraulic fluid supply line 31 to which hydraulic fluids delivered from the pilot pumps 130 and 230 of the fixed displacement type are introduced through check 40 valves 133 and 233, respectively, a pilot relief valve 32 that is connected to the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 and keeps the pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 fixed, a gate lock valve 100 that is connected to the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 and selects whether a pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side is to be connected to the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 or connected to the tank, and a gate lock lever 24 disposed on the driver's seat entrance side of the hydraulic work machine for performing a selection operation of the gate lock valve 100.

The pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side of the gate lock valve 100 is connected to a plurality of pilot valves 60a, 60b, 60c, 60d, 60e, 60f, 60g, and 60h (refer to FIG. 13) provided for the plurality of operation devices, and the plurality of pilot valves 60a, 60b, 60c, 60d, 60e, 60f, 60g, and 60h (refer to FIG. 13) generate a pilot operation pressure according to an operation amount thereof on the basis of hydraulic fluid of the pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side of the gate lock valve 100 to perform selection control of the plurality of flow control valves 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 6g and 6h with the pilot operation pressure.

The hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment further includes inverters 160 and 260 that respectively control the rotational speeds of the electric motors 101 and 201, step-up/step-down choppers 161 and 261 that respectively supply electric power with a fixed voltage to the inverters 160 and 260, power storage devices 170 and 270 (first and second power storage devices) connected so as to

supply electric power to the electric motors 101 and 201 through the step-up/step-down choppers 161 and 261 and the inverters 160 and 260, respectively, battery management systems (BMS) 171 and 271 that output information of a voltage, a temperature, and so forth of the power storage devices 170 and 270 to a controller 50 described later, a reference rotational speed instruction dial 56 for indicating a maximum speed of the plurality of actuators 3a to 3h, a pressure sensor 40 that is provided in the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 and detects a pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305, namely, a delivery pressure (hereinafter referred to suitably as pump pressure) Ps of the main pumps 102 and 202, another pressure sensor 41 that is provided in the highest load hydraulic fluid line 306 and detects a pressure of the highest load hydraulic fluid line 306 (highest load pressure Plmax of the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, and 3h), and a controller 50 that receives signals from the battery management systems 171 and 271, reference rotational speed instruction dial 56, and pressure sensors 40 and 41 as inputs thereto to generate rotational speed instruction signals to the inverters 160 and 260.

FIG. 2 depicts an appearance of an electrically-driven hydraulic excavator in which the hydraulic drive system described above is incorporated.

The electrically-driven hydraulic excavator includes a lower travel structure 501, an upper swing structure 502, and a front work implement 504 of the swing type. The front work implement 504 is configured from a boom 511, an arm 512, and a bucket 513. The upper swing structure 502 is swingable by rotation of the swing motor 3c with respect to the lower travel structure 501. A swing post 503 is provided at a front portion of the upper swing structure 502, and the front work implement 504 is attached for upward and downward movement to the swing post 503. The swing post 503 is rotatable in a horizontal direction with respect to the upper swing structure 502 by extension and contraction of the swing cylinder 3e, and the boom 511, arm 512, and bucket 513 of the front work implement 504 are rotatable in the upward and downward directions by extension and contraction of the boom cylinder 3a, arm cylinder 3b, and bucket cylinder 3d. A blade 506 that performs upward and downward movement by extension and contraction of the blade cylinder 3h is attached to a central frame 505 of the lower travel structure 501. The lower travel structure 501 travels by driving left and right crawler belts by rotation of the travel motors 3f and 3g.

A cabin 508 is installed in the upper swing structure 502, and in the cabin 508, a driver's seat 521, operation devices 522 and 523 (in FIG. 2, only those on the left side are depicted) for the boom, arm, bucket, and swing in which the pilot valves 60a to 60d are built), an operation device (not depicted) for boom-swing in which the pilot valve 60e is built, an operation device (not depicted) for the blade in which the pilot valve 60h is built, operation devices 524a and 524b (in FIG. 2, only those on the left side are depicted) for travel in which pilot valves 60f and 60g are built, the gate lock lever 24, and so forth are provided.

Each of the operation levers of the operation devices 522 and 523 is capable of being operated in an arbitrary direction with reference to cross directions from a neutral position. When the operation lever of the operation device 522 on the left side is operated in the leftward and rightward directions, then the operation device 522 functions as an operation device for swing and the pilot valve 60c (refer to FIG. 13) for swing operates. When the operation lever of the operation device 522 is operated in the forward and backward

directions, then the operation device 522 functions as an operation device for the arm and the pilot valve 60b (refer to FIG. 13) for the arm operates. When the operation lever of the operation device 523 on the right side is operated in the forward and backward directions, then the operation device 523 functions as an operation device for the boom and the pilot valve 60a for the boom operates. When the operation lever of the operation device 523 is operated in the leftward and rightward directions, then the operation device 523 functions as an operation device for the bucket and the pilot valve 60d (refer to FIG. 13) for the bucket operates.

FIG. 3 depicts a functional block diagram of the controller 50 described above.

The controller 50 includes a virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 for the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type, and a first electric motor rotational speed control section 52 and a second electric motor rotational speed control section 53.

The virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 receives information (a voltage, a temperature, and so forth) from the battery management systems 171 and 271 as inputs thereto and performs a predetermined calculation process. Outputs of the virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 are inputted to the first electric motor rotational speed control section 52 and the second electric motor rotational speed control section 53 together with outputs from the pressure sensors 40 and 41 and the reference rotational speed instruction dial 56. The first electric motor rotational speed control section 52 and the second electric motor rotational speed control section 53 perform a predetermined calculation process using the inputs thereto and output results of the processes to the inverters 160 and 260, respectively.

FIG. 4 depicts a functional block diagram of the virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 in the controller 50.

The virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 includes first and second SOC estimation sections 51a and 51b, a differentiation section 51c, and first and second tables 51d and 51e.

The first and second SOC estimation sections 51a and 51b receive information (a voltage, a temperature and so forth) from the battery management systems 171 and 271 as inputs thereto, respectively, calculate an SOC (State of Charge) indicative of a charge state of the power storage devices 170 and 270, and outputs SOC1 and SOC2 as the SOCs of them, respectively. The SOC1 and the SOC2 are differentiated by the differentiation section 51c to calculate  $\Delta$ SOC ( $=$ SOC1-SOC2).  $\Delta$ SOC is inputted to the first and second tables 51d and 51e, by which it is converted into a virtual limitation torque T1 of the main pump 102 and a virtual limitation torque T2 of the main pump 202 (horsepower control amounts).

FIGS. 5A and 5B depict a characteristic of the first and second tables 51d and 51e.

As depicted in FIG. 5A, the characteristic of the table 51d is set such that, when the difference  $\Delta$ SOC in a charge state has a positive value, a predetermined maximum value T1\_max (fixed) is outputted as the virtual limitation torque T1. However, when  $\Delta$ SOC has a negative value, the virtual limitation torque T1 that decreases as  $\Delta$ SOC decreases is outputted, and when  $\Delta$ SOC reaches  $-\Delta$ SOC\_max in the proximity of a minimum value  $-\Delta$ SOC\_min, a minimum value T1\_min is outputted as the virtual limitation torque T1.

As depicted in FIG. 5B, the characteristic of the table 51e is set to a reverse characteristic to the characteristic of the table 51d. In particular, the characteristic of the table 51e is set such that, when  $\Delta$ SOC has a negative value, a maximum

value  $T_{2\_max}$  is outputted as the virtual limitation torque  $T_2$ . However, the characteristic of the table **51e** is set such that, when  $\Delta SOC$  has a positive value, the virtual limitation torque  $T_2$  that decreases as  $\Delta SOC$  increases is outputted, and when  $\Delta SOC$  reaches  $\Delta SOC\_0$  in the proximity of the maximum value  $\Delta SOC\_max$ , a minimum value  $T_{2\_min}$  is outputted as the virtual limitation torque  $T_2$ .

FIG. 6 depicts a functional block diagram of the first and second electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53** of the controller **50**. In the following description, a number in ( ) indicates that it is a number in the case of the second electric motor rotational speed control section **53**.

Where outputs from the pressure sensors **40** and **41** are represented by  $V_{ps}$  and  $V_{plmax}$ , respectively, the outputs  $V_{ps}$  and  $V_{plmax}$  are converted into a pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305**, namely, into a pump pressure  $P_s$  and a highest load pressure  $P_{lmax}$  of the plurality of actuators **3a** to **3h** by pressure tables **52a** (**53a**) and **52b** (**53b**), and the difference  $P_{ls} = P_s - P_{lmax}$  between them is computed by a differentiation section **52c** (**53c**).

On the other hand, when the output from the reference rotational speed instruction dial **56** is represented by  $Vec$ , then the output  $Vec$  is converted into a reference rotational speed  $N_0$  by a rotational speed table **52d** (**53d**). Further, the reference rotational speed  $N_0$  is converted into a target LS differential pressure  $P_{gr}$  in accordance with a differential pressure table **52e** (**53e**).

$P_{ls}$  and  $P_{gr}$  described above are inputted to a differentiation section **52f** (**53f**), by which the difference  $\Delta P = P_{gr} - P_{ls}$  is computed.

$\Delta P$  described above is inputted to a table **52g** (**53g**), by which an increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q$  of the virtual displacement is computed.

$\Delta q$  described above is added to a virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  ( $q2^{**}$ ) after reflection of horsepower control before one control step stored in a memory and is further limited with a minimum value and a maximum value therefor by a table **52i** (**53i**) to compute a virtual displacement  $q1^*$  ( $q2^*$ ) before reflection of new horsepower.

On the other hand, the pump pressure  $P_s$  described hereinabove and the virtual limitation torque  $T_1$  ( $T_2$ ) that is output of the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** in the controller **50** are inputted to the variable horsepower control table **52r** (**53r**), by which they are converted into and outputted as a limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  ( $q2^*\text{limit}$ ) for the virtual displacement as first and second allowable values for the absorption horsepower (consumption horsepower) of the main pumps **102** and **202**.

A characteristic of the variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** is depicted in FIG. 7.

A characteristic indicated by a solid line **A1** of the variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** is a characteristic that simulates so-called horsepower control and is such a characteristic that, as the pump pressure  $P_s$  becomes high, the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  ( $q2^*\text{limit}$ ) for the virtual displacement of the pump pressure  $P_s$  decreases.

Further, the characteristic is such a characteristic that, as the virtual limitation torque  $T_1$  ( $T_2$ ) decreases, the characteristic simulating horsepower control changes like a broken line **B1** or **C1** as indicated by an arrow mark in FIG. 7, and consequently, the degree of the limit becomes stronger, and the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  ( $q2^*\text{limit}$ ) for the virtual displacement decreases.

A lower one of the virtual displacement  $q1^*$  ( $q2^*$ ) before reflection of horsepower control described hereinabove and the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  ( $q2^*\text{limit}$ ) for the virtual displacement outputted from the variable horsepower control table

**52r** (**53r**) described above is selected as the virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  ( $q2^{**}$ ) after reflection of horsepower control by the minimum value selection section **52s** (**53s**).

Furthermore, the virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  ( $q2^{**}$ ) is multiplied by the reference rotational speed  $N_0$  by a multiplication section **52j** (**53j**), and a result of the multiplication is outputted as a target flow rate  $Q_{1d}$  ( $Q_{2d}$ ).

If the physical displacement of the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type is represented by  $q_{max1}$  ( $q_{max2}$ ), then the target flow rate  $Q_{1d}$  is multiplied by  $1/q_{max1}$  ( $1/q_{max2}$ ) of a gain **52k** (**53k**) so as to be converted into a target rotational speed  $N_{1d}$  ( $N_{2d}$ ).

Furthermore, the target rotational speed  $N_{1d}$  ( $N_{2d}$ ) is converted into an input  $V_{inv1}$  ( $V_{inv2}$ ) to the inverter **160** (**260**) and outputted to the inverter **160** (**260**) by the table **52m** (**53m**).

~Correspondence to Claims~

In the foregoing, the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type are first and second hydraulic pumps, and **20** hydraulic fluids delivered from the first and second hydraulic pumps are merged in the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305** and supplied to the plurality of flow control valves **6a**, **6b**, **6c**, **6e**, **6f**, **6g**, and **6h** and is further supplied to the plurality of actuators **3a**, **3b**, **3c**, **3d**, **3e**, **3f**, **3g**, and **3h**.

The electric motors **101** and **201** are first and second electric motors that drive the main pumps **102** and **202** (first and second hydraulic pumps), respectively, and the power storage devices **170** and **270** are first and second power storage devices that supply electric power to the electric motors **101** and **201** (first and second electric motors), respectively.

The variable horsepower control table **52r** and the minimum value selection section **52s** in the electric motor rotational speed control section **52** of the controller **50** cooperates with the pressure sensor **40** to provide a first horsepower control device configured to decrease, when the delivery pressure of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) increases, the delivery flow rate of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) to control the absorption horsepower of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) so as not to exceed the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  (first allowable value) for the virtual displacement. The variable horsepower control table **53r** and the minimum value selection section **53s** in the electric motor rotational speed control section **53** of the controller **50** cooperate with the pressure sensor **40** to provide a second horsepower control device configured to decrease, when the delivery pressure of the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump) increases, the delivery flow rate of the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump) to control the absorption horsepower of the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump) so as not to exceed the limit value  $q2^*\text{limit}$  (second allowable value) for the virtual displacement.

The virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** of the controller **50** and the variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** in the electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53** provide a horsepower distribution control section configured to change at least one of the limit values  $q1^*\text{limit}$  and  $q2^*\text{limit}$  (first and second allowable values) of the first and second horsepower control devices such that the charge state of the power storage device **170** (first power storage device) and the charge state of the power storage device **270** (second power storage device) become equal to each other.

Further, in the present embodiment, the main pumps **102** and **202** (first and second hydraulic pumps) are hydraulic pumps of the fixed displacement type, and the first and second horsepower control devices are configured to control

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the rotational speeds of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) and the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump) to control the absorption horsepowers of the main pumps **102** and **202** (first and second hydraulic pumps) such that the absorption horsepower of the main pump **102** does not exceed the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  (first allowable value) and the absorption horsepower of the main pump **202** does not exceed the limit value  $q2^*\text{limit}$  (second allowable value).

Tables **52a** to **52m** in the electric motor rotational speed control section **52** of the controller **50** and the inverter **160** cooperate with the pressure sensors **40** and **41** and the reference rotational speed instruction dial **56** to provide a first flow control section configured to perform, when at least one of the operation devices **522** and **523**, **524a**, **524b**, . . . is operated, load sensing control for controlling a delivery flow rate of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) such that the delivery pressure  $P_s$  of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) becomes higher by a target differential pressure (target LS differential pressure  $P_{gr}$ ) than the highest load pressure  $P_{lmax}$  of the plurality of actuators **3a** to **3h**. Tables **53a** to **53m** in the electric motor rotational speed control section **53** of the controller **50** and the inverter **260** cooperate with the pressure sensors **40** and **41** and the reference rotational speed instruction dial **56** to provide a second flow control section configured to perform, when at least one of the operation devices **522**, **523**, **524a**, **524b**, . . . is operated, load sensing control for controlling a delivery flow rate of the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump) such that the delivery pressure  $P_s$  of the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump) becomes higher by the target differential pressure (target LS differential pressure  $P_{gr}$ ) than the highest load pressure  $P_{lmax}$  of the plurality of actuators **3a** to **3h**.

The first and second flow control sections described above are configured to control the rotational speeds of the main pumps **102** and **202** (first and second hydraulic pumps) respectively to control the delivery flow rate of the main pumps **102** and **202** (first and second hydraulic pumps) such that the delivery pressures of the main pumps **102** and **202** become higher by the target differential pressure than the highest load pressure of the plurality of actuators **3a** to **3h**. The first and second horsepower control devices described above are configured to control the delivery flow rates of the main pumps **102** and **202** (first and second hydraulic pumps) respectively, which are controlled by the load sensing control, such that the absorption horsepower of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) does not exceed the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  (first allowable value) for the virtual displacement and the absorption horsepower of the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump) does not exceed the limit value  $q2^*\text{limit}$  (second allowable value) for the virtual displacement.

The battery management system **171** and the first SOC estimation section **51a** in the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** of the controller **50** provide a first charge state estimation section configured to estimate a charge state of the power storage device **170** (first power storage device), and the battery management system **271** and the second SOC estimation section **51b** in the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** of the controller **50** provide a second power storage stage estimation section configured to estimate a charge state of the power storage device **270** (second power storage device).

The differentiation section **51c** and the first and second tables **51d** and **51e** in the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** of the controller **50** provide a horsepower control amount calculation section configured to calculate, when the

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charge state of the power storage device **170** (first power storage device) estimated by the first charge state estimation section described above is lower than the charge state of the power storage device **270** (second power storage device) estimated by the second charge state estimation section described above, the virtual limitation torque **T1** (first horsepower control amount) for decreasing the absorption horsepower of the main pump **102** (first hydraulic pump) and calculate, when the charge state of the power storage device **270** (second power storage device) estimated by the second charge state estimation section described above is lower than the charge state of the power storage device **170** (first power storage device) estimated by the first charge state estimation section described above, the virtual limitation torque **T2** (second horsepower control amount) for decreasing the absorption horsepower of the main pump **202** (second hydraulic pump).

The variable horsepower control table **52r** in the electric motor rotational speed control section **52** of the controller **50** provides a first allowable value changing section configured to change the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  (first allowable value) for the virtual displacement of the first horsepower control device described above on the basis of the virtual limitation torque **T1** (first horsepower control amount) calculated by the horsepower control amount calculation section described above. The variable horsepower control table **53r** that simulates the horsepower control characteristic in the electric motor rotational speed control section **53** of the controller **50** provides a second allowable value changing section configured to change the limit value  $q2^*\text{limit}$  (second allowable value) for the virtual displacement of the second horsepower control device described above on the basis of the virtual limitation torque **T2** (second horsepower control amount) calculated by the horsepower control amount calculation section described above.

~Operation~

Operation of the present embodiment is described with reference to FIGS. 1 to 7.

Hydraulic fluids delivered from the pilot pumps **130** and **230** of the fixed displacement type driven by the electric motors **101** and **201** are supplied to the hydraulic fluid supply line **31** through the check valves **133** and **233**, respectively. To the hydraulic fluid supply line **31**, the pilot relief valve **32** is connected, and a pilot primary pressure **Ppi0** is generated in the hydraulic fluid supply line **31**.

Meanwhile, information such as a voltage, a temperature, and so forth of the power storage devices **170** and **270** is introduced to the first and second SOC estimation sections **51a** and **51b** of the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** in the controller **50** through the battery management systems **171** and **271**, and from the charge state **SOC1** of the power storage device **170** and the charge state **SOC2** of the power storage device **270**, virtual limitation torques **T1** and **T2** of the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type are calculated and outputted to the rotational speed control section **52** of the electric motor **101** and the rotational speed control section **53** of the electric motor **201**, respectively.

(a) Case where the SOCs of the power storage device **170** and the power storage device **270** are equal to each other

First, a case is considered in which, in the functional block diagram of the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** depicted in FIG. 4, the charge state **SOC1** of the power storage device **170** estimated by the first SOC estimation section **51a** and the charge state **SOC2** of the power storage device **270** estimated by the second SOC estimation section **51b** are equal to each other.

Since  $SOC1=SOC2$ ,  $\Delta SOC$  computed by the differentiation section **51c** becomes  $\Delta SOC=SOC1-SOC2=0$ , and from the characteristics of the first and second tables **51d** and **51e** depicted in FIGS. **5A** and **5B**, the virtual limitation torques **T1** and **T2** of the main pumps **102** and **202** become  $T1=T1_{max}$  and  $T2=T2_{max}$ , respectively.

The virtual limitation torques **T1** and **T2** that are outputs of the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** are introduced to the variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** of the electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53**, respectively.

<(a-1) Case where all Operation Levers are Neutral>

Since all operation levers (hereinafter referred to simply as operation levers as necessary) of all operation devices **522**, **523**, **524a**, **524b**, ... are neutral, all flow control valves **6a**, **6b**, **6c**, **6d**, **6e**, **6f**, **6g**, and **6h** (refer to FIG. 13) are in a neutral position.

Therefore, the highest load pressure  $Pl_{max}$  of the actuators **3a**, **3b**, **3c**, **3d**, **3e**, **3f**, **3g**, and **3h** is equal to the tank pressure through the flow control valves **6a**, **6b**, **6c**, **6d**, **6e**, **6f**, **6g**, and **6h** and the shuttle valves **9a**, **9b**, **9c**, **9d**, **9e**, **9f**, and **9g**.

The highest load pressure  $Pl_{max}$  is introduced to the unload valve **15** and the pressure sensor **41**.

Although hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type driven by the electric motors **101** and **201** are introduced to the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305**, since all of the plurality of flow control valves **6a**, **6b**, **6c**, **6d**, **6e**, **6f**, **6g**, and **6h** are in their neutral position as described hereinabove, the hydraulic fluid is discharged from the unload valve **15** to the tank.

Since  $Pl_{max}$  introduced to the unload valve **15** is equal to the tank pressure (estimated that the tank pressure  $\approx 0$ ), the pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305**, namely, the pump pressure  $Ps$ , is kept a little higher than  $Pgr$  that is a target LS differential pressure by the work of a spring provided in the unload valve **15**.

The pressure (pump pressure)  $Ps$  of the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305** is introduced to the pressure sensor **40**.

An output  $Vps$  of the pressure sensor **40** for the pump pressure  $Ps$ , an output  $Vpl_{max}$  of the pressure sensor **41** for the highest load pressure  $Pl_{max}$  and an output  $Vec$  of the reference rotational speed instruction dial **56** are inputted to the electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53** in the controller **50** in addition to the virtual limitation torques **T1** and **T2** described hereinabove.

Since the electric motor rotational speed control section **52** and the electric motor rotational speed control section **53** operate similarly, the following description is given taking the first electric motor rotational speed control section **52** as an example.

$Vps$ ,  $Vpl_{max}$ , and  $Vec$  described above are converted into  $Ps$ ,  $Pl_{max}$ , and  $N_0$  by the tables **52a**, **52b** and **52d**, respectively, and from  $Ps$  and  $Pl_{max}$ , the difference  $Pls=Ps-Pl_{max}$  between them is computed by the differentiation section **52c** (**53c**).

The difference  $\Delta P$  between the target LS differential pressure  $Pgr$  converted from the reference rotational speed  $N_0$  by the table **52e** and  $Pls$  described hereinabove is calculated by the differentiation section **52f**. At this time, in the case where all operation levers are neutral,  $Ps$  is kept at a value a little higher than  $Pgr$  as described hereinabove, and since  $Pl_{max}$  is the tank pressure (estimated that the tank pressure  $\approx 0$ ),  $Pls=Ps-Pl_{max}$  is kept at a value a little higher than  $Pgr$ . Therefore,  $\Delta P$  becomes  $\Delta P=Pgr-Pls<0$ , and the

increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q$  of the virtual displacement calculated by the table **52g** has a negative value.

The increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q$  of the virtual displacement is added to the virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control before one control step, and after the resulting sum is limited with the minimum value and the maximum value by the table **52i**, it becomes a new virtual displacement  $q1^*$  after reflection of horsepower control. Since the increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q$  of the virtual displacement has a negative value, by repeating the control step, the virtual displacement  $q1^*$  before reflection of horsepower control is kept at the minimum value prescribed by the table **52i**.

On the other hand, since  $T1_{max}$  is inputted as the virtual limitation torque **T1** as described above to the variable horsepower control table **52r**, the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  for the virtual displacement has a value on the solid line **A1** in FIG. 7.

As described hereinabove, in the case where all operation levers are neutral, the pump pressure  $Ps$  is kept at a value a little higher than  $Pgr$ , and if  $Ps$  at this time is represented by  $Pntr$ , the limit value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  for the becomes  $q1^*\text{limit}=qmax1$  from FIG. 7.

As described above, since, in the case where all operation levers are neutral, the virtual displacement  $q1^*$  before reflection of horsepower control is kept at the minimum value prescribed by the table **52i** and the relationship of  $q1^*<q1^*\text{limit}$  is satisfied,  $q1^*$  is selected from between  $q1^*$  and  $q1^*\text{limit}$  by the minimum value selection section **52s** and becomes the virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control.

The virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control is multiplied by the reference rotational speed  $N_0$  by the multiplication section **52j** and becomes a target flow rate  $Q1d$ , and the target flow rate  $Q1d$  is converted into a target rotational speed  $N1d$  by multiplication by  $1/qmax1$  with the gain **52k** and is further converted into an output  $Vnv1$  to the inverter **160** by the table **52m**.

As described above, since, in the case where all operation levers are neutral, the virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control is kept at the minimum value prescribed by the table **52i**; also the target flow rate  $Q1d$  and the target rotational speed  $N1d$  are also kept at minimum values.

In particular, in the case where all operation levers are neutral, the rotational speed of the electric motor **101** is kept at a minimum rotational speed, and also the delivery flow rate from the main pump **102** of the fixed displacement type is kept at its minimum.

Since also the electric motor rotational speed control section **53** operates similarly, the rotational speed of the electric motor **201** is kept at its minimum rotational speed, and also the delivery flow rate from the main pump **202** of the fixed displacement type is kept at a minimum.

<(a-2) Case where Boom Raising is Operated>

A case is considered in which the operation lever of the operation device **523** for boom is inputted in a raising direction, namely, in a direction in which the boom cylinder **3a** is extended.

The flow control valve **6a** for the boom selects the leftward direction in the figure, and hydraulic fluids of the hydraulic fluid supply lines **105** and **205** from the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type are supplied to the bottom side of the boom cylinder **3a** through the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305**, pressure compensating valve **7a**, and flow control valve **6a**.

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On the other hand, the load pressure of the boom cylinder **3a** is introduced as the highest load pressure **Plmax** to the pressure compensating valves **7a**, **7b**, **7c**, **7d**, **7e**, **7f**, **7g**, and **7h**, unload valve **15**, and pressure sensor **41** through the load port of the flow control valve **6a**, shuttle valves **9a**, **9b**, **9c**, **9d**, **9e**, **9f**, and **9g**, and highest load hydraulic fluid line **306**.

By the load pressure of the boom cylinder **3a** introduced to the unload valve **15**, the set pressure of the unload valve **15** rises to a pressure of the sum of the spring force of the unload valve **15** and the highest load pressure **Plmax** (load pressure of the boom cylinder **3a**), whereupon the hydraulic line for discharging the hydraulic fluid in the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305** to the tank is interrupted.

The pressure (pump pressure **Ps**) of the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305** is introduced to the pressure sensor **40**.

The output **Vps** of the pressure sensor **40** for the pump pressure **Ps**, the output **Vplmax** of the pressure sensor **41** for the highest load pressure **Plmax**, and the output **Vec** of the reference rotational speed instruction dial **56** are inputted to the electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53** in the controller **50** in addition to the virtual limitation torques **T1** and **T2** described hereinabove.

Since the electric motor rotational speed control section **52** and the electric motor rotational speed control section **53** operate similarly, the following description is given taking the electric motor rotational speed control section **52** as an example.

**Vps**, **Vplmax**, and **Vec** described hereinabove are converted into **Ps**, **Plmax**, and **N\_0** by the tables **52a**, **52b**, and **52d**, respectively.

Immediately after boom raising activation, the pump pressure **Ps** has a value a little higher than the target LS differential pressure similarly as in the case where all operation levers are neutral, and usually, in the case where the boom cylinder **3a** is extended, the load pressure of the boom cylinder **3a** is often higher than the pump pressure. Since, in this case, **Ps**<**Plmax** is satisfied, **Pls** becomes **Pls**=**Ps**-**Plmax**<0.

The difference  $\Delta P$  between the target LS differential pressure **Pgr** converted from the reference rotational speed **N\_0** by the table **52e** and **Pls** described above is calculated by the differentiation section **52f**.

Since **Pls** has a negative value as described above,  $\Delta P$ =**Pgr**-**Pls** has a positive value higher than **Pgr**.

Although  $\Delta P$  is converted into an increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q$  of the virtual displacement by the table **52g**, since  $\Delta P$  becomes a positive value higher than **Pgr**, also the increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q$  of the virtual displacement has a positive value.

The increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q$  of the virtual displacement is added to the virtual displacement **q1\*\*** after reflection of horsepower control before one control step and is limited with the minimum value and the maximum value by the table **52i**, whereafter it becomes a new virtual displacement **q1\*** before reflection of horsepower control.

Since  $\Delta q$  that is the increase/decrease amount of the virtual displacement has a positive value as described above, by repeating the control step, the virtual displacement **q1\*** before reflection of horsepower control gradually increases within the range between the minimum value and the maximum value of the table **52i**, and the increase continues until after  $\Delta P$ =**Pgr**-**Pls** becomes 0, namely, until after **Pls** becomes equal to **Pgr** that is the target LS differential pressure.

On the other hand, since **T1\_max** is inputted as the virtual limitation torque **T1** as described hereinabove to the variable

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horsepower control table **52r**, the limit value **q1\*limit** of the virtual displacement has a value on the solid line **A1** of FIG. 7.

In the case where, in boom raising operation, the LS differential pressure **Pls** is equal to the target LS differential pressure **Pgr** as described hereinabove, the pump pressure **Ps** is kept at a pressure higher by the target LS differential pressure **Pgr** than the highest load pressure **Plmax**.

From FIG. 7, if the pump pressure **Ps** upon boom raising operation at this time is represented by **Pbmr**, then the limit value **q1\*limit** of the virtual displacement becomes **qbmr1** that is lower than **qmax** simulating horsepower control.

Since the minimum value selection section **52s** selects a smaller one of the virtual displacement **q1\*** before reflection of horsepower control described above and the output **q1\*limit** of the variable horsepower control table **52r** as the virtual displacement **q1\*\*** after reflection of horsepower control, the virtual displacement **q1\*\*** after reflection of horsepower control performs operation that simulates a main pump of variable displacement type that delivers a necessary flow rate within the range of the horsepower control characteristic prescribed by the variable horsepower control table **52r**.

The virtual displacement **q1\*\*** after reflection of horsepower control is multiplied by the reference rotational speed **N\_0** by the multiplication section **52j** and becomes a target flow rate **Q1d**, and the target flow rate **Q1d** is converted into a target rotational speed **N1d** by multiplication by **1/qmax1** by the gain **52k** and is further converted into an output **Vinv1** to the inverter **160** by the table **52m**.

Also the electric motor rotational speed control section **53** operates similarly, and the flow rates of hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type are merged and supplied to the flow control valve **6a**.

As described hereinabove, the virtual displacements **q1\*\*** and **q2\*\*** after reflection of horsepower control operate simulating a main pump of the variable displacement type that delivers a flow rate necessary within the range of the horsepower control characteristics prescribed by the variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** to control the rotational speeds of the electric motors **101** and **201** such that the flow rate is implemented. Therefore, the virtual displacements **q1\*\*** and **q2\*\*** after reflection of horsepower control operate so as to control the rotational speed of the electric motor **101** such that the total delivery amount of the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type becomes equal to a flow rate required by the flow control valve **6a** within a range within which the consumption horsepower of the main pumps **102** and **202** of the fixed displacement type does not exceed a certain value.

(b) Case where the SOC of the Power Storage Device **170** is Greater than that of the Power Storage Device **270**

A case is considered in which, in the functional block diagram of the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** depicted in FIG. 4, the relationship between the charge state **SOC1** of the power storage device **170** estimated by the first SOC estimation section **51a** and the charge state **SOC2** of the power storage device **270** estimated by the second SOC estimation section **51b** is **SOC1>SOC2**.

Since **SOC1>SOC2**,  $\Delta SOC$  computed by the differentiation section **51c** becomes  $\Delta SOC=SOC1-SOC2>0$ , namely, has a positive value, from the characteristics of the tables **51d** and **51e** depicted in FIGS. **5A** and **5B**, the virtual limitation torque **T1** of the main pump **102** of the fixed displacement type becomes **T1=T1\_max**, and the virtual limitation torque **T2** of the main pump **202** of the fixed

displacement type becomes a value lower than  $T2_{max}$ . Here, a case in which  $\Delta SOC = SOC1 - SOC2 = \Delta SOC_0$  is considered. From FIG. 5B,  $T2$  at this time is  $T2 = T2_{min}$ .

The virtual limitation torques  $T1$  and  $T2$  that are outputs of the virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 are introduced to the variable horsepower control tables 52r and 53r of the electric motor rotational speed control sections 52 and 53, respectively.

<(b-1) Case where all Operation Levers are Neutral>

In the case where all operation levers are neutral, both of the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type deliver a minimum flow rate at a minimum rotational speed similarly as in the case of (a)  $SOC1 = SOC2$  described hereinabove.

<(b-2) Case where Boom Raising Operation is Performed>

Basic operation in which the main pumps 102 and 202 deliver a necessary flow rate by load sensing control within ranges of the horsepower prescribed by the virtual limitation torques  $T1$  and  $T2$ , respectively, is similar to that in the case of (a)  $SOC1 = SOC2$  described hereinabove.

In the case where  $SOC1 > SOC2$  and  $\Delta SOC (= SOC1 - SOC2)$  is  $\Delta SOC_0$ ,  $T1 = T1_{max}$  and  $T2 = T2_{min}$  as described hereinabove.

Since the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  of the main pump 102 of the fixed displacement type is  $T1 = T1_{max}$ , operation quite same as that of (a) described above is performed.

On the other hand, the virtual limitation torque  $T2$  of the main pump 202 of the fixed displacement type is  $T2 = T2_{min}$  and is lower than the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  of the main pump 102, and as indicated by a broken line C1 in FIG. 7, the virtual displacement  $q2^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control is limited to  $qbmr2_{min}$  by the table 53r.

The virtual displacement  $q2^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control is multiplied by the reference rotational speed  $N_0$  by the multiplication section 53j and becomes a target flow rate  $Q2d$ , and the target flow rate  $Q2d$  is converted into a target rotational speed  $N2d$  by multiplication by  $1/qmax2$  with the gain 53k and is further converted into an output  $Vinv2$  to the inverter 260 by the table 53m.

At this time, since the virtual displacement  $q2^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control of the main pump 202 of the fixed displacement type is limited to  $qbmr2_{min}$  as described hereinabove, the rotational speed  $N2d$  is limited so as to be lower than the rotational speed  $N1d$  of the main pump 102 of the fixed displacement type.

In this manner, in the case where  $SOC1 > SOC2$ , namely, in the case where the SOC of the power storage device 270 is smaller than the SOC of the power storage device 170, the flow rate delivered from the main pump 202 that is driven by electric power supplied from the power storage device 270 is lower than the flow rate delivered from the main pump 102 that is driven by electric power supplied from the power storage device 170.

Although the power consumption of the pump increases in proportion to the pressure x flow rate and the pressure (pump pressure  $P_s$ ) of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 is common and equal, since the flow rate of the main pump 202 is lower than the flow rate of the main pump 102 as described above, the power consumption of the main pump 202 becomes smaller than the power consumption of the main pump 102.

Therefore, the electric power consumption of the power storage device 270 from which electric power is supplied to the main pump 202 becomes lower than the electric power consumption of the power storage device 170 from which electric power is supplied to the main pump 102.

Since the electric power consumption of the power storage device 270 from which electric power is supplied to the main pump 202 is lower than the electric power consumption of the power storage device 170 from which electric power is supplied to the main pump 102, the rate at which the  $SOC2$  of the power storage device 270 decreases becomes lower than the rate at which the  $SOC1$  of the power storage device 170 decreases, and this continues until after the  $SOC1$  becomes equal to the  $SOC2$ .

If  $SOC1 = SOC2$  is satisfied, then operation same as that in the case of (a) is performed.

(c) Case where the SOC of the Power Storage Device 270 is Higher than that of the Power Storage Device 170

A case is considered in which, in the functional block diagram of the virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 depicted in FIG. 4, the relationship between the charge state  $SOC1$  of the power storage device 170 estimated by the first SOC estimation section 51a and the charge state  $SOC2$  of the power storage device 270 estimated by the second SOC estimation section 51b is  $SOC1 < SOC2$  is considered.

In the following, the relationship between the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type is reverse to that in the case of  $SOC1 > SOC2$  of (b).

Since  $SOC1 < SOC2$ ,  $\Delta SOC$  computed by the differentiation section 51c becomes  $\Delta SOC = SOC1 - SOC2 < 0$ , namely, has a negative value, from the characteristic of the tables 51d and 51e depicted in FIGS. 5A and 5B, the virtual limitation torque  $T2$  of the main pump 202 of the fixed displacement type becomes  $T2 = T2_{max}$  and the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  of the main pump 102 of the fixed displacement type has a value lower than  $T1_{max}$ . Here, a case in which  $\Delta SOC = SOC1 - SOC2 = -\Delta SOC_0$  is considered. From FIG. 5A, the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  at this time is  $T1 = T1_{min}$ .

The virtual limitation torques  $T1$  and  $T2$  that are outputs of the virtual limitation torque calculation section 51 are introduced to the variable horsepower control tables 52r and 53r of the electric motor rotational speed control sections 52 and 53, respectively.

<(c-1) Case where all Operation Levers are Neutral>

In the case where all operation levers are neutral, both of the main pumps 102 and 202 deliver a minimum flow rate at a minimum rotational speed similarly as in the cases of (a)  $SOC1 = SOC2$  and (b)  $SOC1 > SOC2$  described above.

<(c-2) Case where Boom Raising is Operated>

Basic operation in which the main pumps 102 and 202 deliver hydraulic fluids of necessary flow rates by load sensing control within ranges of the horsepower prescribed by the virtual limitation torques  $T1$  and  $T2$ , respectively, is similar to that in the case of (a)  $SOC1 = SOC2$  described hereinabove.

In the case where  $SOC1 < SOC2$  and  $\Delta SOC (= SOC1 - SOC2)$  is  $-\Delta SOC_0$  as described above,  $T1 = T1_{min}$  and  $T2 = T2_{max}$ .

Since the virtual limitation torque  $T2$  of the main pump 202 of the fixed displacement type is  $T2 = T2_{max}$ , operation quite same as that in (a) described hereinabove is performed.

On the other hand, the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  of the main pump 102 of the fixed displacement type is  $T1 = T1_{min}$  and is lower than the virtual limitation torque  $T2$  of the main pump 202, and as indicated by the broken line C1 of FIG. 7, the virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control is limited to  $qbmr1_{min}$  by the table 52r.

The virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control is multiplied by the reference rotational speed  $N_0$  by the multiplication section 52j and becomes a target

flow rate  $Q1d$ , and the target flow rate  $Q1d$  is converted into a target rotational speed  $N1d$  by multiplication by  $1/qmax1$  by the gain  $52k$  and is further converted into an output  $Vinv1$  to the inverter **160** by the table **52m**.

At this time, since the virtual displacement  $q1^{**}$  after reflection of horsepower control of the main pump **102** of the fixed displacement type is limited to  $qbmr1\_min$  as described above, the rotational speed  $N1d$  is limited so as to be lower than the rotational speed  $N2d$  of the main pump **202** of the fixed displacement type.

In this manner, in the case where  $SOC1 < SOC2$ , namely, in the case where the SOC of the power storage device **170** is lower than the SOC of the power storage device **270**, the flow rate of hydraulic fluid delivered from the main pump **102** that is driven by electric power supplied from the power storage device **170** is lower than the flow rate of hydraulic fluid delivered from the main pump **202** that is driven by electric power supplied from the power storage device **270**.

Although the power consumption of the pump increases in proportion to the pressure $\times$ the flow rate and the pressure (pump pressure  $P_s$ ) of the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305** is common and equal, since the flow rate of the main pump **102** is lower than the flow rate of the main pump **202** as described above, the power consumption of the main pump **102** becomes lower than the power consumption of the main pump **202**.

Therefore, the electric power consumption of the power storage device **170** from which electric power is supplied to the main pump **102** becomes lower than the electric power consumption of the power storage device **270** from which electric power is supplied to the main pump **202**.

Since the electric power consumption of the power storage device **170** from which electric power is supplied to the main pump **102** is lower than the electric power consumption of the power storage device **270** from which electric power is supplied to the main pump **202**, the rate at which the  $SOC1$  of the power storage device **170** decreases becomes lower than the rate at which the  $SOC2$  of the power storage device **270** decreases, and this continues until after the  $SOC1$  and the  $SOC2$  become equal to each other.

If  $SOC1=SOC2$  is satisfied, then operation same as that in the case of (a) is performed.

~Advantage~

According to the present embodiment, the following advantages are obtained.

Since the hydraulic drive system is configured such that it includes, in addition to the main pump **102**, electric motor **101**, and power storage device **170**, the main pump **202**, electric motor **201**, power storage device **270**, and the common hydraulic fluid supply line **305** in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps **102** and **202** are merged and the merged hydraulic fluid is supplied to the plurality of flow control valves **6a**, **6b**, **6c**, **6d**, **6e**, **6f**, **6g**, and **6h** and further supplied to the plurality of actuators **3a**, **3b**, **3c**, **3d**, **3e**, **3f**, **3g**, and **3h**, the rated voltages of various electric equipment such as a power storage device can be made common to that of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine that requires lower horsepower.

Further, the hydraulic drive system includes the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** and the variable horsepower control tables **52r** and **53r** and, in the case where the charge state of one of the power storage devices **170** and **270** becomes lower than the charge state of the other one of the power storage devices **170** and **270**, the limit value  $q1^{*}limit$  ( $q2^{*}limit$ ) of the virtual displacement is changed such that the charge state of the power storage device **170** and the charge state of the power storage device **270** become

equal to each other thereby to suppress the power consumption of the hydraulic pump whose charge state is lower. Therefore, even in the case where there is a difference between the machine efficiencies of the main pumps **102** and **202** or between the efficiencies of such electric equipment as the inverters **160** and **260** or the step-up/step-down choppers **161** and **261**, or even in the case in which there is a difference between the electric power consumption amounts or the charge state characteristics of the power storage devices **170** and **270**, the difference gradually decreases while the charge states of the power storage devices **170** and **270** are controlled so as to become equal to each other. Therefore, it is prevented that the power storage situation of only one of the power storage devices **170** and **270** decreases significantly, and the period of time within which the actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine obtain a predetermined speed.

It is to be noted that, while, in the embodiment described above, the two tables of the first and second tables **51d** and **51e** and the two motor rotational speed control sections of the electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53** are provided in the virtual limitation torque calculation section **51** of the controller **50** and the limit value  $q1^{*}limit$  or the limit value  $q2^{*}limit$  (first or second allowable value) is changed such that, even in the case where the charge state of one of the two power storage devices **170** and **270** becomes lower than the charge state of the other power storage device, the charge state of the power storage device **170** and the charge state of the power storage device **270** become equal to each other, only one of the first and second tables **51d** and **51e** (for example, the first table **51d**) and a corresponding one of the electric motor rotational speed control sections **52** and **53** (for example, the electric motor rotational speed control section **52**) may be provided and the limit value  $q1^{*}limit$  (first allowable value) may be changed such that, only in the case where the charge state of one (for example, the power storage device **270**) of the two power storage devices **170** and **270** becomes lower than the charge state of the other power storage device (for example, the power storage device **170**), the charge state of the power storage device **170** and the power storage device of the power storage device **270** become equal to each other. Also this makes it possible to prevent that the charge state of one (for example, the power storage device **270**) of the power storage devices **170** and **270** becomes significantly lower than the charge state of the other one (for example, the power storage device **170**), and the period of time within which the actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine can obtain a predetermined speed can be extended.

~Modifications to the Characteristic of the First and Second Tables **51d** and **51e**~

FIGS. 12A and 12B depict a first modification to the characteristic of the tables **51d** and **51e**.

While, in FIGS. 5A and 5B, the characteristic of the tables **51d** and **51e** is set such that a fixed value (maximum value  $T1\_max$ ) is outputted as the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  when  $\Delta SOC$  has a positive value (FIG. 5A) or when  $\Delta SOC$  has a negative value (FIG. 5B), the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  may otherwise be set such that, as  $\Delta SOC$  increases (FIG. 12A) or decreases (FIG. 12B), the virtual limitation torque  $T1$  further increases from a value equal to the maximum value  $T1\_max$  to a value  $T1\_od1$ . Consequently, in the case where the power storage device **170** and the power storage device **270** are different in SOC from each other, since not only the electric power consumption of the power storage device with a lower SOC decreases but also the electric power consumption of the power storage device with a

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greater SOC increases, the SOC1 of the power storage device 170 and the SOC2 of the power storage device 270 can be made equal to each other in a shorter period of time.

A second modification to the characteristics of the tables 51d and 51e is depicted in FIGS. 12C and 12D.

While, in FIGS. 12A and 12B, the virtual limitation torque T1 is set such that, as  $\Delta$ SOC increases from 0 (FIG. 12A) or decreases (FIG. 12B), the virtual limitation torque T1 further increases from a value equal to the maximum value T1\_max to the value T1\_od1, in FIGS. 12C and 12D, the virtual limitation torque T1 is set such that a dead zone of 0 to  $\Delta$ SOC\_1 (FIG. 12C) or 0 to  $-\Delta$ SOC\_1 (FIG. 12D) is provided and the virtual limitation torque T1 further increases from a value equal to the maximum value T1\_max to the value T1\_od1 when  $\Delta$ SOC goes out of the dead zone. This increases the electric power consumption of the power storage device with a higher SOC only in the case where  $\Delta$ SOC goes out of the dead zone, and the stability of control can be achieved.

## Second Embodiment

## ~Structure~

FIG. 8 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine (hydraulic excavator) according to a second embodiment of the present invention.

The hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment further includes, in addition to the configuration of the first embodiment depicted in FIG. 1, a check valve 180 (first check valve) that is provided in the hydraulic fluid supply line 105 of the main pump 102 of the fixed displacement type and blocks a flow of hydraulic fluid from the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 to the main pump 102 of the fixed displacement type, and a check valve 280 (second check valve) that is provided in the hydraulic fluid supply line 205 of the main pump 202 of the fixed displacement type and blocks a flow of hydraulic fluid from the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 to the main pump 202 of the variable displacement type.

Further, the hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment includes an inputting device 58 and is configured such that, in such a case where the SOC of one of the power storage devices 170 and 270 decreases significantly in comparison with the other SOC or in such a case where only one of the power storage devices 170 and 270 is used and the electric power stored in the other power storage device is preserved while the total operating time period is to be increased in place of suppressing the work amount of the hydraulic work machine to be low, when an operator operates the inputting device 58, then the controller 50 stops one of the electric motors 101 and 201 for driving the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type.

The structure of the other part is same as that of the first embodiment.

## ~Operation~

In the present embodiment configured in such a manner as described above, since the check valves 180 and 280 are provided in the hydraulic fluid supply lines 105 and 205, respectively, in the case where one of the electric motors 101 and 201 that respectively drive the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type is stopped, the pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 305 is prevented from being applied to the delivery port of one of the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type which is being stopped.

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Operation of the other part is same as that in the first embodiment.

## ~Advantage~

According to the present embodiment, the following 5 advantage is achieved in addition to the advantages of the first embodiment.

In the case where the operator operates the inputting device 58 to stop one of the electric motors 101 and 201 for driving the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type, the check valves 180 and 280 prevent hydraulic fluid from leaking out from the main pump of the fixed displacement type in the stopping state to the tank, and power of the hydraulic fluid delivered from the main pump of the fixed displacement type in the driven state can be 10 prevented from being lost wastefully by leak of the hydraulic fluid.

## Third Embodiment

## 20 ~Structure~

FIG. 9 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine (hydraulic excavator) according to a third embodiment of the present invention.

The hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment is 25 configured such that it does not include the pilot pumps 130 and 230 of the fixed displacement type that are provided in the first embodiment and are driven by the electric motors 101 and 201 and the electric motors 101 and 201 drive only the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type.

Further, the hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment includes an electric motor 301 (third electric motor), a pilot pump 30 of fixed displacement type that is driven by the electric motor 301, an inverter 360 that controls the rotational speed of the electric motor 301, a step-up/step-down chopper 361 that supplies electric power with a fixed voltage to the inverter 360, a pressure sensor 42 that is 30 provided in the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 of the pilot pump 30 and detects a pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31, namely, a delivery pressure (hereinafter referred to suitably as pump pressure) of the pilot pump 30, and a controller 55 that generates a rotational speed instruction 35 signal to the inverter 360 on the basis of a detection signal of the pressure sensor 42 to control the inverter 360.

Similarly as in the first embodiment, the power storage device 270 is configured so as to supply electric power to the electric motor 201 through the step-up/step-down chopper 261 and the inverter 260 and supply electric power also to the electric motor 301 through the step-up/step-down chopper 361 and the inverter 360.

Hydraulic fluid delivered from the pilot pump 30 of the fixed displacement type is supplied to the hydraulic fluid supply line 31. To the hydraulic fluid supply line 31, a gate lock valve 100 is connected which selects the pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side so as to be connected to the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 or to the tank, and for the gate lock valve 100, a gate lock lever 24 is provided.

FIG. 10 depicts a functional block diagram of the controller 55 in the third embodiment.

The controller 55 includes a table 55a, another table 55b, an addition section 55c, a further table 55d, and a still further table 55e.

If the output from the pressure sensor 42 is represented by Vpi, then the output Vpi is converted into a pressure (pilot primary pressure Ppi) of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 by 60 65

the table 55a and is converted into an increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q_i$  of the virtual displacement  $q_i$  of the pilot pump 30 by the table 55b.

FIG. 11 depicts a characteristic of the table 55b.

The characteristic of the table 55b is configured such that, where the pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi}$  of a target is represented by  $P_{pi0}$ , when the pressure  $P_{pi}$  of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 is lower than  $P_{pi0}$ , a positive value from 0 to  $\Delta q_{i\_max}$  is outputted as  $\Delta q_i$ ; when  $P_{pi}$  is higher than  $P_{pi0}$ , a negative value between  $\Delta q_{i\_min}$  and 0 is outputted as  $\Delta q_i$ ; and when  $P_{pi}$  is equal to  $P_{pi0}$ ,  $\Delta q_i=0$  is outputted.

The virtual displacement increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q_i$  of the pilot pump is added to a pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$  before one control state by the addition section 55c to make a new pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$ .

The pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$  is configured so as to be converted into a target rotational speed  $N_{pi}$  of the electric motor 301 by the table 55d, and further converted into an input  $V_{inv3}$  to the inverter 360 by the table 55f, and then outputted to the inverter 360.

The structure of the other part is same as that of the first embodiment.

~Correspondence to Claims~

In the foregoing, the electric motor 301 is a third electric motor to which electric power is supplied by one of the power storage devices 170 and 270 (first and second power storage devices) to drive the pilot pump 30, and the controller 55 cooperates with the pressure sensor 42 and the inverter 360 to provide a pilot pump control device configured to control the rotational speed of the electric motor 301 (third electric motor) such that the pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi}$  generated by the pilot pump 30 becomes equal to a target pressure (target pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ ).

~Operation~

Operation of the third embodiment is described below with reference to FIGS. 9, 10, and 11.

The rotational speed controlling function of the electric motors 101 and 201 for driving the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type is same as that of the first embodiment.

Also the function of controlling the virtual limitation torques  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  of the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type depending upon the charge states of the power storage devices 170 and 270, respectively, to control the charge states of the power storage devices 170 and 270 so as to eliminate an imbalance between the charge states.

The third embodiment is different from the first embodiment in that the pilot pump 30 of the fixed displacement type is driven independently by the electric motor 301 different from the electric motors 101 and 201 that respectively drive the main pumps 102 and 202 of the fixed displacement type.

In the following, operation of the present embodiment in rotational speed control of the electric motor 301 for driving the pilot pump 30 is described.

(a) Case where the Pressure of the Hydraulic Fluid Supply Line 31 is Lower than the Target Pilot Primary Pressure

A case is considered in which the pressure (pilot primary pressure) of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 is lower than the pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ .

As depicted in FIG. 10,  $V_{pi}$  inputted by the pressure sensor 42 is converted into a pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi}$  by the table 55a.

In the case where  $P_{pi} < P_{pi0}$ , from FIG. 11, the pilot pump virtual displacement increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q_i$  has a positive value from 0 to  $\Delta q_{i\_max}$ .

The pilot pump virtual displacement increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q_i$  is added to a pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$  before one control step, and in the case where  $P_{pi}$  is lower than the target pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$  as described above, the virtual displacement  $q_i$  gradually increases.

The increase continues until after the pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi}$  becomes equal to the pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ .

The pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$  is converted into a target rotational speed  $N_{pi}$  by the table 55d and into an output  $V_{inv3}$  to the inverter 360 by the table 55f to control the rotational speed of the electric motor 301.

In particular, in the case where the pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 is lower than the target pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ , the electric motor 301 increases its rotational speed until after the pressure (pilot primary pressure) of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 becomes equal to the target pilot primary pressure.

(b) Case where the Pressure of the Hydraulic Fluid Supply Line 31 is Higher than the Target Pilot Primary Pressure

A case is considered in which the pressure (pilot primary pressure) of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 is higher than the target pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ .

As depicted in FIG. 10,  $V_{pi}$  inputted by the pressure sensor 42 is converted into a pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi}$  by the table 55a.

In the case where  $P_{pi} > P_{pi0}$ , from FIG. 11, the pilot pump virtual displacement increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q_i$  has a negative value between  $\Delta q_{i\_min}$  and 0.

The pilot pump virtual displacement increase/decrease amount  $\Delta q_i$  is added to the pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$  before one control step, and in the case where  $P_{pi}$  is higher than the pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ , the pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$  gradually decreases as described hereinabove.

This decrease continues until after the pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi}$  becomes equal to the target pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ .

The pilot pump virtual displacement  $q_i$  is converted into a target rotational speed  $N_{pi}$  by the table 55d and into an output  $V_{inv3}$  to the inverter 360 by the table 55f to control the rotational speed of the electric motor 301.

In particular, in the case where the pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 is higher than the target pilot primary pressure  $P_{pi0}$ , the electric motor 301 decreases its rotational speed until after the pressure (pilot primary pressure) of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 becomes equal to the target pilot primary pressure.

As described in (a) and (b) above, the controller 55 controls the rotational speed of the electric motor 301 such that the pressure (pilot primary pressure) of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 becomes equal to the target pilot primary pressure ( $P_{pi0}$ ).

~Advantage~

According to the present embodiment, the following advantages are achieved in addition to the advantages of the first embodiment.

In the present embodiment, since the electric power consumed by the power storage device 270 is equal to the sum of the electric power consumption of the electric motor 201 for driving the main pump 202 of the fixed displacement type and the electric power consumption of the electric motor 301 for driving the pilot pump of the fixed displacement type, in comparison with the case of the first embodiment, the charge state of the power storage device 270 tends to decrease earlier than the charge state of the power storage device 170. However, similarly as in the first embodiment, in the case where the charge state of one of the power storage

device (in the third embodiment, the power storage device 270) becomes lower than the charge state of the other power storage device (in the third embodiment, the power storage device 170), the rotational speed of the hydraulic pump (in the third embodiment, 202) that is driven by the electric motor to which electric power is supplied from the power storage device in the lower charge state (in the third embodiment, the power storage device 270) is limited and the electric power consumption of the electric motor is suppressed, and the charge states of the two power storage devices are controlled so as to become equal to each other again.

Therefore, similarly as in the first embodiment, since the charge state of one of the two power storage devices 170 and 270 is prevented from extremely unevenly being decreased, it can be prevented that the period of time within which the hydraulic work machine operates using the two power storage devices 170 and 270 decreases.

#### Fourth Embodiment

##### Structure

FIG. 13 is a view depicting a hydraulic drive system of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine (hydraulic excavator) according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention.

The hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment includes electric motors 101, 201, 401, and 601, main pumps 122, 222, 422 and 622 of the variable displacement type driven by the electric motors 101, 201, 401, and 601, respectively, an electric motor 301, a pilot pump 30 of the fixed displacement type driven by the electric motor 301, a boom cylinder 3a, an arm cylinder 3b, a swing motor 3c, a bucket cylinder 3d, a swing cylinder 3e, travel motors 3f and 3g, and a blade cylinder 3h that are a plurality of actuators driven by hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 of the variable displacement type, hydraulic fluid supply lines 105a, 105b, 205a, and 205b for introducing hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 of the variable displacement type into the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, and 3h, a common hydraulic fluid supply line 307 that is connected to the hydraulic fluid supply lines 105a and 105b and in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 122 and 222 (first and second hydraulic pumps) are merged, a common hydraulic fluid supply line 308 that is connected to the hydraulic fluid supply lines 205a and 205b and in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 422 and 622 (first and second hydraulic fluid pumps) are merged, and a control valve block 104 that is provided on the downstream of the common hydraulic fluid supply lines 307 and 308 and to which hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 122 and 222 and merged in the common hydraulic fluid supply line 307 and hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 422 and 622 and merged in the common hydraulic fluid supply line 308 are introduced.

The control valve block 104 includes a plurality of directional selector valves 16a, 16d, 16e, 16g, and 16j that are connected to the common hydraulic fluid supply line 307 and control the directions and the flow rates of hydraulic fluids to be supplied to the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3d, 3e, and 3g, a plurality of directional selector valves 16b, 16c, 16f, 16h and 16i that are connected to the common hydraulic fluid supply line 308 and control the directions and the flow rates of hydraulic fluids to be supplied to the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3f, and 3h, check valves 80a, 80b, 80c, 80d, 80e, 80f, 80g, 80h, 80i, and 80j, and a main relief valve

14 that is provided on the downstream of the common hydraulic fluid supply lines 307 and 308 through the check valves 80e and 80f and controls the pressure of the common hydraulic fluid supply lines 307 and 308 so as not to become equal to or higher than a set pressure.

To the downstream of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 307, the directional selector valve 16g is connected on the most upstream, and the directional selector valves 16a and 16d are connected in parallel to each other to the downstream of the directional selector valve 16g through the check valves 80a and 80b, respectively. Further, the directional selector valves 16j and 16e are connected in tandem connection to the downstream of the directional selector valves 16a and 16d through the check valves 80c and 80d such that the directional selector valve 16j is positioned on the upstream side with respect to the directional selector valve 16e.

To the downstream of the common hydraulic fluid supply line 308, the directional selector valves 16c, 16b, 16i, and 16h are connected in parallel to each other through the check valves 80g, 80h, 80i, and 80j, respectively, and the directional selector valve 16f is connected in tandem connection to the downstream of the directional selector valve 16h.

The plurality of the directional selector valves 16a, 16d, 16e, 16g, and 16j and the plurality of directional selector valves 16b, 16c, 16f, 16h and 16i are of the open center type, and the main pumps 122 and 222 and main pumps 422 and 622 and the control valve block 104 configure a hydraulic drive system of an open circuit.

The main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 of the variable displacement type include regulator pistons 122a, 222a, 422a, and 622a for reducing, when the delivery pressure thereof becomes high, the displacement thereof to limit the torque, respectively.

Further, the main pump 122 and the main pump 422 include regulator pistons 122b and 422b, respectively, for reducing, if the delivery pressure of one of them becomes high, the displacement of the main pump of the other of them to limit the torque, and the main pump 222 and the main pump 622 include regulator pistons 222b and 622b for restricting, if the delivery pressure of one of them becomes high, the displacement of the main pump of the other of them to limit the torque.

The main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 have springs 122f, 222f, 422f, and 622f for setting a limitation value q1\*limit, a limitation value q2\*limit, a limitation value q3\*limit, and a limitation value q4\*limit for the absorption horsepower, respectively.

Furthermore, the main pumps 122 and 422 include regulator pistons 122c and 422c for reducing the displacement of them by an external pressure (output pressure of a proportional solenoid valve 20 hereinafter described) to reduce the torque, and the main pumps 222 and 622 include regulator pistons 222c and 622c for reducing the displacement of them by an external pressure (output pressure of a proportional solenoid valve 21 hereinafter described) to reduce the torque.

Further, the hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment includes a hydraulic fluid supply line 31 to which hydraulic fluid delivered from the pilot pump 30 of the fixed displacement type is introduced, a gate lock valve 100 that is connected to the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 and performs selection in regard to whether the pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side is to be connected to the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 or the tank, and a gate lock lever 24 disposed on the operator's seat entrance side of the

hydraulic work machine for performing a selection operation of the gate lock valve 100.

The pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side of the gate lock valve 100 is connected to a plurality of pilot valves 60a, 60b, 60c, 60d, 60e, 60f, 60g, and 60h provided on a plurality of operation devices 522, 523, 524a, 524b, . . . (refer to FIG. 2), and the plurality of pilot valves 60a, 60b, 60c, 60d, 60e, 60f, 60g, and 60h generate a pilot operation pressure according to an operation amount based on hydraulic fluid of the pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side of the gate lock valve 100, and the plurality of directional selector valves 16a, 16b, 16c, 16d, 16e, 16f, 16g, 16h, 16i, and 16j are controlled for selection by the pilot operation pressure.

The hydraulic drive system of the present embodiment further includes inverters 160, 260, 460, and 660 for controlling the rotational speeds of the electric motors 101, 201, 401, and 601, a step-up/step-down chopper 161 for supplying electric power with a fixed voltage to the inverters 160 and 460, another step-up/step-down chopper 261 for supplying electric power with a fixed voltage to the inverters 260 and 660, an inverter 360 for controlling the rotational speed of the electric motor 301, a step-up/step-down chopper 361 for supplying electric power with a fixed voltage to the inverter 360, a power storage device 170 (first power storage device) connected so as to supply electric power to the electric motors 101 and 401 (first electric motors) through the step-up/step-down choppers 161 and the inverters 160 and 460, a power storage device 270 (second power storage device) connected so as to supply electric power to the electric motors 201 and 601 (second electric motors) through the step-up/step-down chopper 261 and the inverters 260 and 660 and connected so as to supply electric power to the electric motor 301 through the step-up/step-down chopper 361 and the inverter 360, battery management systems (BMS) 171 and 271 that output information such as a voltage, a temperature, and so forth of the power storage devices 170 and 270 to a controller 150 hereinafter described, a reference rotational speed instruction dial 56 for instructing a maximum speed of the plurality of actuators 3a to 3h, shuttle valves 19a, 19b, 19c, 19d, 19e, 19f, 19g, and 19h that select and output the highest pressure from among output pressures of the pilot valves 60a, 60b, 60d, 60e, and 60g, a pressure sensor 43 that detects the selected highest pressure, shuttle valves 19i, 19j, 19k, 19l, 19m, 19n, 19o, and 19p that select and output the highest pressure from among output pressures of the pilot valves 60a, 60b, 60c, 60h, and 60f, a pressure sensor 44 that detects the selected highest pressure, a pressure sensor 42 that is provided in the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 of the pilot pump 30 and detects a pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31, namely, a delivery pressure (hereinafter referred to suitably as pump pressure) of the pilot pump 30, a proportional solenoid valve 20 that is connected to the pilot hydraulic fluid line on the downstream side of the gate lock valve 100 and decreases the pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31, to which hydraulic fluid is delivered from the pilot pump 30 of the fixed displacement type, to generate a torque controlling pressure to be introduced to the regulator pistons 122c and 422c, a proportional solenoid valve 21 that decreases the pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 to generate a torque controlling pressure to be introduced to the regulator pistons 222c and 622c, a controller 150 that receives signals from the battery management systems 171 and 271, reference rotational speed instruction dial 56, and pressure sensors 43 and 44 as inputs thereto to generate rotational speed instruction signals for the inverters 160,

260, 460, and 660 and control signals for the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21 from the input information to control the inverters 160, 260, 460, and 660 and the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21, and another controller 55 that generates a rotational speed instruction signal for the inverter 360 on the basis of a detection signal of the pressure sensor 42 to control the inverter 360.

FIG. 14 depicts a functional block diagram of the controller 150 in the fourth embodiment.

The controller 150 includes a proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151, gain tables 152a and 152b, multiplication sections 153a and 153b, a rotational speed instruction value table 154, and command value tables 155a and 155b.

Outputs of the battery management systems 171 and 271 are inputted to the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151, and an output of the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 is outputted to the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21.

Meanwhile, a maximum operation pilot pressure of the boom cylinder 3a, arm cylinder 3b, bucket cylinder 3d, swing cylinder 3e and right travel motor 3g is inputted to the controller 150 through the pressure sensor 43, and a maximum operation pilot pressure of the boom cylinder 3a (in the raising direction only), arm cylinder 3b, swing motor 3c, blade cylinder 3h and left travel motor 3f is inputted to the controller 150 through the pressure sensor 44.

Outputs from the pressure sensors 43 and 44 are inputted to the gain tables 152a and 152b, by which they are converted into gains N\_gain1 and N\_gain2 within a range of 0 to 100%, respectively. Further, an output from the reference rotational speed instruction dial 56 is converted into a reference rotational speed N\_0 by the rotational speed instruction value table 154.

The reference rotational speed N\_0 that is an output of the rotational speed instruction value table 154 is multiplied by the gains N\_gain1 and N\_gain2 by the multiplication sections 153a and 153b to obtain target rotational speeds N1d and N2d for the inverters 160 and 260 and the inverters 460 and 660, respectively.

The target rotational speeds N1d and N2d are inputted to the command value tables 155a and 155b and converted into command values Vinv1 and Vinv2 for the inverters 160 and 260 and the inverters 460 and 660, respectively, and they are outputted to the inverters 160 and 260 and the inverters 460 and 660.

FIG. 15 depicts a functional block diagram of the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 in the controller 150 in the fourth embodiment.

The proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 includes first and second SOC estimation sections 151a and 151b, a differentiation section 151c, and first and second tables 151d and 151e.

Information (a voltage, a temperature and so forth) from the battery management systems 171 and 271 is inputted to the first and second SOC estimation sections 151a and 151b indicative of charge states of the power storage devices 170 and 270, and a SOC1 and a SOC2 are outputted as SOCs of the first and second SOC estimation sections 151a and 151b, respectively. The SOC1 and the SOC2 are differentiated by the differentiation section 151c to obtain ΔSOC (=SOC1-SOC2). The difference ΔSOC is inputted to the first and second tables 151d and 151e, by which they are converted into target currents I1 and I2 (horsepower control amounts), which are outputted to the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21.

FIGS. 16A and 16B depict characteristics of the first and second tables 151d and 151e.

As depicted in FIG. 16A, the characteristic of the first table 151d is set such that, when  $\Delta SOC$  has a positive value, 0 is outputted as the target current  $I_1$  of the proportional solenoid valve 20, and when  $\Delta SOC$  has a negative value, as  $\Delta SOC$  decreases from the dead zone  $-\Delta SOC_2$ , the target current  $I_1$  of the proportional solenoid valve 20 increases, and when  $\Delta SOC$  reaches  $-\Delta SOC_0$  in the proximity of the maximum value  $-\Delta SOC_{max}$ , a maximum value  $I_{max}$  is outputted as the target current  $I_1$ .

As depicted in FIG. 16B, the characteristic of the second table 151e is set reverse to the characteristic of the first table 151d. In particular, the characteristic of the second table 151e is set such that, when  $\Delta SOC$  has a negative value, 0 is outputted as the target current  $I_2$  of the proportional solenoid valve 21, and when  $\Delta SOC$  has a positive value, as  $\Delta SOC$  increases from the dead zone  $\Delta SOC_2$ , the target current  $I_2$  of the proportional solenoid valve 21 increases, and when  $\Delta SOC$  reaches  $\Delta SOC_0$  in the proximity of the maximum value  $\Delta SOC_{max}$ , a maximum value  $I_{max}$  is outputted as the target current  $I_2$ .

FIG. 17 depicts a horsepower control characteristic by the regulator pistons 122a and 422a, regulator pistons 122b and 422b, and regulator pistons 122c and 422c of the main pumps 122 and 422 of the variable displacement type. Further, in FIG. 17, a horsepower control characteristic by the regulator pistons 222a and 622a, regulator pistons 222b and 622b, and regulator pistons 222c and 622c of the main pumps 222 and 622 of the variable displacement type is depicted in parentheses.

The axis of abscissa of FIG. 17 depicts an average value  $Pa$  ( $=P_1+P_2/2$ ) of delivery pressures  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  of the main pumps 122 and 422, and a characteristic indicated by a solid line A2 is a characteristic when the target current  $I_1$  of the proportional solenoid valve 20 is 0 and the output pressure of the proportional solenoid valve 20 is 0. The regulator pistons 122a, 422a, 122b, and 422b have a characteristic that, after the average value  $Pa$  of the delivery pressures  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  exceeds  $Pa_a$ , as it becomes higher, the displacement  $qq_1$  of the main pumps 122 and 422 decreases.

Further, as the target current  $I_1$  of the proportional solenoid valve 20 increases and the output pressure of the proportional solenoid valve 20 becomes higher, the horsepower control characteristic becomes such a characteristic that it varies as indicated with a broken line B2 or C2 as indicated by an arrow mark in FIG. 17 to increase the degree of the limitation stronger and the displacement  $qq_1$  of the main pumps 122 and 422 decreases.

This similarly applies also to the horsepower control characteristics by the regulator pistons 222a and 622a, regulator pistons 222b and 622b, and regulator pistons 222c and 622c of the main pumps 222 and 622 of the variable displacement type indicated in parentheses in FIG. 17.

~Correspondence to Claims~

In the foregoing, the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) of the variable displacement type are first and second hydraulic pumps, and hydraulic fluids delivered from the first and second hydraulic pumps are merged in the common hydraulic fluid supply line 307 (or 308) and supplied to the plurality of flow control valves 16a, 16b, 16d, 16e, and 16g (or 16a, 16b, 16c, 16f, and 16h) and further supplied to the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3d, 3e, 3f, and 3g (or 3a, 3b, 3d, 3e, and 3g).

The electric motors 101 and 201 (or 401 and 601) are first and second electric motors that drive the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) (first and second hydraulic

pumps), respectively, and the power storage devices 170 and 270 are first and second power storage devices that supply electric power to the electric motors 101 and 201 (or 401 and 601) (first and second motors), respectively.

5 The regulator piston 122a (or 422a) provides a first horsepower control device configured to decrease, when the delivery pressure of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump) increases, the delivery flow rate of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump) to control the absorption horsepower of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump) so as not to exceed the limitation value  $q1^*limit$  (first allowable value), and the regulator piston 222a (or 622a) provides a second horsepower control device 10 configured to decrease, when the delivery pressure of the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump) increases, 15 the delivery flow rate of the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump) to control the absorption horsepower of the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump) so as not to exceed the limitation value  $q2^*limit$  (second allowable value).

15 The proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 cooperates with the battery management systems 171 and 271 to provide a horsepower distribution control section configured to change at least one of the limitation value  $q1^*limit$  (first allowable value) and the limitation value  $q2^*limit$  (second allowable value) of the first and second horsepower control devices such that the charge state of the power storage device 170 (first power storage device) and the charge state of the power storage device 270 (second power storage device) become equal to 20 each other.

25 Further, in the present embodiment, the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) are hydraulic pumps of the variable displacement type, and the first horsepower control device are configured to control the displacements of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump) and the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump) to control the absorption horsepower of the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) (first and second hydraulic pumps) such that 30 the absorption horsepower of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump) does not exceed the limitation value  $q1^*limit$  (first allowable value) and the absorption horsepower of the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump) does not exceed the limitation value  $q2^*limit$  (second allowable value).

35 The gain table 152a (152b), multiplication section 153a (153b), rotational speed instruction value table 154, command value table 155a (155b), and inverter 160 (or 460) provide a first flow control section configured to perform 40 when at least one of the operation devices 522, 523, 524a, 524b, . . . is operated, positive flow control for controlling the delivery flow rate of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump) as the required flow rate by the operation device increases, and the gain table 152a (152b), multiplication section 153a (153b), rotational speed instruction value table 154, command value table 155a (155b), and inverter 260 (or 660) provide a second flow control section 45 configured to perform when at least one of the plurality of operation devices 522, 523, 524a, 524b, . . . is operated, positive flow control for controlling the delivery flow rate of the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump) as the required flow rate by the operation device increases.

50 The first and second flow control sections described above are configured to control the rotational speeds of the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) (first and second hydraulic pumps) respectively to control the delivery flow rates of the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) (first

and second hydraulic pumps) as the required flow rate increases, and the first and second horsepower control devices are configured to control the delivery flow rates of the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) (first and second hydraulic pumps) respectively, which are controlled by positive flow control, such that the absorption horsepower of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump) does not exceed the limitation value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  (or  $q3^*\text{limit}$ ) (first allowable value) and the absorption horsepower of the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump) does not exceed the limitation value  $q2^*\text{limit}$  (or  $q4^*\text{limit}$ ).

The battery management system 171 and the first SOC estimation section 151a in the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 of the controller 150 provide a first charge state estimation section configured to estimate the storage state of the power storage device 170 (first power storage device), and the battery management system 271 and the second SOC estimation section 151b in the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 of the controller 150 provide a second charge state estimation section configured to estimate the charge state of the power storage device 270 (second power storage device).

The differentiation section 151c in the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 of the controller 150 and the first and second tables 151d and 151e provide a horsepower control amount calculation section configured to calculate, when the charge state of the power storage device 170 (first power storage device) estimated by the first charge state estimation section is lower than the charge state of the power storage device 270 (second power storage device) estimated by the second charge state estimation section, a target current  $I1$  (first horsepower control amount) of the proportional solenoid valve 20 for decreasing the absorption horsepower of the main pump 122 (or 422) (first hydraulic pump), and calculate, when the charge state of the power storage device 270 (second power storage device) estimated by the second charge state estimation section is lower than the charge state of the power storage device 170 (first power storage device) estimated by the first charge state estimation section, a target current  $I2$  (second horsepower control amount) of the proportional solenoid valve 21 for decreasing the absorption horsepower of the main pump 222 (or 622) (second hydraulic pump).

The proportional solenoid valve 20 and the regulator piston 122c (or 422c) of the main pump 122 (or 422) provide a first allowable value changing section configured to change the limitation value  $q1^*\text{limit}$  (or  $q3^*\text{limit}$ ) (first allowable value) of the first horsepower control device on the basis of the target current  $I1$  (first horsepower control amount) of the proportional solenoid valve 20 calculated by the horsepower control amount calculation section. The proportional solenoid valve 21 and the regulator piston 222c (or 622c) of the main pump 222 (or 622) provide a second allowable value changing section configured to change the limitation value  $q2^*\text{limit}$  (or  $q4^*\text{limit}$ ) (second allowable value) of the second horsepower control device on the basis of the target current  $I2$  (second horsepower control amount) of the proportional solenoid valve 21 calculated by the horsepower control amount calculation section.

~Operation~

Operation of the fourth embodiment is described with reference to FIGS. 12 to 17.

Similarly as in the third embodiment, the pressure of the hydraulic fluid supply line 31 is kept at the pilot primary

pressure  $Ppi0$  by controlling the rotational speed of the electric motor 301 for driving the pilot pump 30 of the fixed displacement type.

(a) Case where the SOCs of the Power Storage Device 170 and the Power Storage Device 270 are Equal to Each Other

FIG. 15 depicts a functional block diagram of the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151.

First, in the case where the charge state  $SOC1$  of the power storage device 170 estimated by the first SOC estimation section 151a and the charge state  $SOC2$  of the power storage device 270 estimated by the second SOC estimation section 151b are equal to each other, since  $SOC1=SOC2$  is satisfied,  $\Delta SOC$  computed by the differentiation section 151c becomes  $\Delta SOC=SOC1-SOC2=0$ , and since the current commands to the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21 become 0 from the characteristics of the tables 151d and 151e depicted in FIG. 16, the displacement of the main pumps 122 and 422 becomes  $qqmax1$  and the displacement of the main pumps 222 and 622 become  $qqmax2$  as depicted in FIG. 17.

<(a-1) Case where all Operation Levers are Neutral>

As described hereinabove, since a maximum operation pilot pressure of the boom cylinder 3a, arm cylinder 3b, bucket cylinder 3d, swing cylinder 3e, and right travel motor 3g is inputted to the controller 150 through the pressure sensor 43, and a maximum operation pilot pressure of the boom cylinder 3a (only in the raising direction), arm cylinder 3b, swing motor 3c, blade cylinder 3h, and left travel motor 3f is inputted to the controller 150 through the pressure sensor 44, in the case where all operation levers are neutral, the gains  $N\_gain1$  and  $N\_gain2$  are kept at a minimum value (for example, 0%) by the gain tables 152a and 152b in the controller 150.

Further, an output from the reference rotational speed instruction dial 56 is converted into a reference rotational speed  $N_0$  by the rotational speed instruction value table 154 and multiplied by the  $N\_gain1$  and  $N\_gain2$  by the multiplication sections 153a and 153b so as to be converted into target rotational speeds  $N1d$  and  $N2d$  and is further converted into an output  $Vinv1$  to the inverters 160 and 260 and an output  $Vinv2$  to the inverters 460 and 660 by the command value tables 155a and 155b. Therefore, when all operation levers are neutral, since  $N\_gain1$  and  $N\_gain2$  are kept at a minimum value (for example, 0%) as described hereinabove, both of the output  $Vinv1$  to the inverters 160 and 260 and the output  $Vinv2$  to the inverters 460 and 660 are kept at a minimum value.

Since  $Vinv1$  and  $Vinv2$  are kept at their minimum value, all of the electric motors 101, 201, 401, and 601 drive the main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 with a minimum rotational speed to supply hydraulic fluids.

Since the main pumps 122, 222, 422 and 622 are driven with a minimum rotational speed, also the flow rates of hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps are minimized.

Further, hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 122 and 222 pass the hydraulic fluid supply lines 105a and 105b, respectively, and are merged in the hydraulic fluid supply line 307 and then supplied to the P1 port of the control valve block 104.

Since all operation levers are neutral, the hydraulic fluid supplied to the P1 port is discharged to the tank through the neutral circuits of the directional selector valves 16g, 16d, 16a, 16j, and 16e.

On the other hand, hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 422 and 622 pass through the hydraulic fluid

supply lines 205a and 205b, respectively, and are merged in the hydraulic fluid supply line 308 and then supplied to the P2 port of the control valve block 104.

Since all operation levers are neutral, the hydraulic fluid supplied to the P2 port is discharged to the tank through the neutral circuits in the directional selector valves 16c, 16b, 16i, 16h, and 16f.

<(a-2) Case where Boom Raising is Operated>

A case is considered in which the operation lever for the boom is inputted in a raising direction, namely, in a direction in which the boom cylinder 3a extends.

The pilot valve 60a for the boom operation is operated, and an operation pilot pressure is generated in a1.

Since the operation pilot pressure a1 is applied, both of the directional selector valves 16a and 16i for the boom select the rightward direction in the figure, and hydraulic fluids supplied from the main pumps 122 and 222 of the variable displacement type through the hydraulic fluid supply line 307 and hydraulic fluids supplied from the main pumps 422 and 622 of the variable displacement type through the hydraulic fluid supply line 308 are merged and supplied to the bottom side of the boom cylinder 3a.

On the other hand, the output pressure of the pilot valve 60a for the boom operation is introduced to the pressure sensor 43 through the shuttle valves 19a, 19e, 19f, 19g, and 19h and simultaneously introduced to the pressure sensor 44 through the shuttle valve 19p.

Output Vpc1 and Vpc2 of the pressure sensors 43 and 44 are introduced to the gain tables 152a and 152b, from which N\_gain1 and N\_gain2 are outputted in response to an output of the pilot valve 60a for the boom operation.

For example, in the case where the boom raising operation is a full operation, both of N\_gain1 and N\_gain2 become a maximum value 100%.

On the other hand, an output from the reference rotational speed instruction dial 56 to be converted into a reference rotational speed N\_0 by the rotational speed instruction value table 154 is multiplied by the N\_gain1 and N\_gain2 described above by the multiplication sections 153a and 153b so as to be converted into target rotational speeds N1d and N2d, respectively, and are further converted into an output Vinv1 to the inverters 160 and 260 and an output Vinv2 to the inverters 460 and 660 by the command value tables 155a and 155b, respectively. Therefore, in the case where the boom raising operation is a full operation, since N\_gain1 and N\_gain2 are kept at a maximum value (for example, 100%), both of the input Vinv1 to the inverters 160 and 260 and the output Vinv2 to the inverters 460 and 660 come to have a value same as that of an input from the reference rotational speed instruction dial 56.

Further, in the case where the boom raising operation is a half operation and N\_gain1 and N\_gain2 outputted from the gain tables 152a and 152b are 50%, since the target rotational speeds N1d and N2d become values obtained by multiplying the reference rotational speed N\_0 from the reference rotational speed instruction dial 56 by 50%, N1d=N2d=N\_0/2 is satisfied, and the electric motors 101, 201, 401, and 601 individually rotate at a rotational speed equal to one half the reference rotational speed N\_0.

In the case where the boom raising operation is performed in this manner, as the output of the pilot valve 60a for the boom operation increases, the rotational speed of the electric motors 101, 201, 401, and 601 increases, and the extension speed of the boom cylinder 3a can be adjusted by the magnitude of the operation lever input.

Further, if it is assumed that the load pressure of the boom cylinder 3a upon boom raising is Pa\_bmr, then upon a boom

raising operation, both of the delivery pressures of the main pumps 122 and 222 and of the main pumps 422 and 622 become equal to the load pressure Pa\_bmr of the boom cylinder 3a.

5 Here, in the case where the target current command values I1 and I2 of the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21 are in the minimum, for example, 0, the horsepower control characteristic of the main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 of the variable displacement type becomes such as indicated by a solid line A2 in FIG. 17, and at the pump delivery pressure of Pa\_bmr, the displacement of the main pumps 122 and 222 of the variable displacement type is limited to qqbmrl and the displacement of the main pumps 422 and 622 of the variable displacement type is limited to qqbmrl2.

10 In this manner, when the boom raising operation is performed, the main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 supply hydraulic fluids with displacements that depend upon respective horsepower control characteristics at a rotational speed according to a boom raising operation input.

15 (b) Case where the SOC of the Power Storage Device 170 is Greater than that of the Power Storage Device 270

20 A case is considered in which, the relationship between the charge state SOC1 of the power storage device 170 estimated by the first SOC estimation section 151a and the charge state SOC2 of the power storage device 270 estimated by the second SOC estimation section 151b is SOC1>SOC2.

25 Since SOC1>SOC2,  $\Delta$ SOC computed by the differentiation section 151c becomes  $\Delta$ SOC=SOC1-SOC2>0, namely, has a positive value, the current command value I1 for the proportional solenoid valve 20 becomes the minimum I1=0 and the current command value I2 for the proportional solenoid valve 21 has a value according to the characteristic of the table 151e depicted in FIG. 16. In the case 30  $\Delta$ SOC> $\Delta$ SOC\_0, the current command value I2 for the proportional solenoid valve 21 becomes I2=I\_max.

35 Since the current command value I1 for the proportional solenoid valve 20 is 0, the main pumps 122 and 422 of the variable displacement type have a characteristic indicated by a solid line A2 of a) I1=0 in FIG. 17.

40 On the other hand, since the current command value I2 of the proportional solenoid valve 21 is I\_max, the main pumps 222 and 622 of the variable displacement type have a characteristic indicated by a broken line C2 of c) I2=I\_max in FIG. 17.

<(b-1) Case where all Operation Levers are Neutral>

45 In the case where all operation levers are neutral, similarly as in the case of (a) SOC1=SOC2 described above, all of the main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 of the variable displacement type deliver a minimum flow rate at a minimum rotational speed.

<(b-2) Case where Boom Raising is Operated>

50 Basic operation where the rotational speeds of the electric motors 101, 201, 401, and 601 for driving the main pumps 122, 222, 422, and 622 of the variable displacement type increases in response to an operation lever input amount for boom raising is similar to that in the case of (a) SOC1=SOC2 described hereinabove.

55 In the case where SOC1>SOC2 and  $\Delta$ SOC (=SOC1-SOC2) is  $\Delta$ SOC\_0 as described above, the current command value I1 for the proportional solenoid valve 20 becomes the minimum value 0 and the main pumps 122 and 422 follow the characteristic of a) I1=0 in FIG. 17. Meanwhile, since the current command value I2 for the proportional solenoid 60 valve 21 becomes I2=I\_max, the main pumps 222 and 622 follow the characteristic indicated by the broken line C2 of c) I2=I\_max.

If the pump load pressure upon boom raising operation is  $Pa_{bmr}$ , then the displacement of the main pumps 122 and 422 of the variable displacement type becomes  $qqbmr1$  in FIG. 17.

On the other hand, the displacement of the main pumps 222 and 622 of the variable displacement type becomes  $qqbmr2_{min}$ , and  $qqbmr2_{min} < qqbmr1$  is satisfied.

Although the rotational speeds of the electric motors 101 and 401 for driving the main pumps 122 and 422 of the variable displacement type and the electric motors 201 and 601 for driving the main pumps 422 and 622 of the variable displacement type depends only on the boom raising operation amount, since the displacement  $qq1$  of the main pumps 122 and 422 of the variable displacement type and the displacement  $qq2$  of the main pumps 222 and 622 of the variable displacement type have a difference therebetween as described above, the flow rates of hydraulic fluids delivered by the main pumps 222 and 622 of the variable displacement type are lower than the flow rates of hydraulic fluids delivered by the main pumps 122 and 422 of the variable displacement type.

Although the power consumption of a pump increases in proportion to the pressure $\times$ the flow rate and, upon boom raising operation, the pressures of the hydraulic fluid supply lines 105 and 205 are equal to each other, since the delivery flow rates of the main pumps 222 and 622 are lower than the delivery flow rates of the main pumps 122 and 422 as described hereinabove, the power consumption of the main pumps 222 and 622 is lower than the power consumption of the main pumps 122 and 422.

Therefore, the electric power consumption of the power storage device 270 from which electric power is supplied to the main pumps 222 and 622 is lower than the electric power consumption of the power storage device 170 from which electric power is supplied to the main pumps 122 and 422.

Since the electric power consumption of the power storage device 270 from which electric power is supplied to the main pump 202 is lower than the electric power consumption of the power storage device 170 from which electric power is supplied to the main pump 102, the rate at which the SOC2 of the power storage device 270 decreases is lower than the rate at which the SOC1 of the power storage device 170 decreases, and this continues until after the SOC1 and the SOC2 become equal to each other.

If  $SOC1=SOC2$  is satisfied, then operation same as that in the case of (a) is performed.

(c) Case where the SOC of the Power Storage Device 270 is Greater than that of the Power Storage Device 170

Operation is substantially same as that of (b) except that, since  $SOC1>SOC2$  changes to  $SOC1<SOC2$ , the relationship between the main pumps 122 and 422 and the main pumps 222 and 622 is reversed.

~Advantage~

Also with the present embodiment, advantages similar to those obtained by the first embodiment are obtained over the conventional hydraulic drive system of an open circuit including two pumps.

In particular, since the hydraulic drive system is configured such that, in addition to the main pumps 122 and 422, electric motors 101 and 401, and power storage device 170, the main pumps 222 and 622, electric motors 401 and 601, and power storage device 270 as well as the common hydraulic fluid supply line 307 in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 122 and 222 are merged and the common hydraulic fluid supply line 308 in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the main pumps 422 and 622 are merged are provided and the merged hydraulic fluid is

supplied to the plurality of directional selector valves (flow control valves) 16a, 16d, 16e, 16g, and 16j or the plurality of directional selector valves (flow control valves) 16b, 16c, 16f, 16h, and 16i and is further supplied to the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, and 3g or the plurality of actuators 3a, 3b, 3c, 3f, and 3h, the rated voltage of various electric equipment such as power storage devices can be made common to that of an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine that is capable of being operated with lower horsepower.

Further, since the proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section 151 and the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21 are provided and, in the case where the charge state of one of the power storage devices 170 and 270 becomes lower than the charge state of the other one of the power storage devices 170 and 270, the limit value  $q1*limit$  ( $q2*limit$ ) of horsepower control of the main pumps 122 and 222 (or 422 and 622) is changed such that the charge state of the power storage device 170 and the charge state of the power storage device 270 become equal to each other thereby to suppress the power consumption of the hydraulic pump whose charge state is lower, even in the case where there is a difference in mechanical efficiency of the main pumps 122 and 222 or 422 and 622 and efficiency of electric equipment such as the inverters 160 and 260 or 460 and 660 or the step-up/step-down choppers 161 and 261, or even in the case where there is a difference between the electric power consumption amounts or the charge state characteristics of the power storage devices 170 and 270, the difference gradually decreases while the charge states of the power storage devices 170 and 270 are controlled so as to become equal to each other. Therefore, the power storage situation of one of the power storage devices 170 and 270 is prevented from being significantly degraded, and the period of time within which the actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine can obtain a predetermined speed can be extended.

It is to be noted that, also in the present embodiment, similarly as in the case of the first embodiment, only one of the first and second tables 151d and 151e (for example, the first table 151d) and a corresponding one of the proportional solenoid valves 20 and 21 (for example, the proportional solenoid valve 20) may be provided such that, only in the case where the charge state of one (for example, the power storage device 270) of the two power storage devices 170 and 270 becomes lower than the charge state of the other power storage device (for example, the power storage device 170), the limit value  $q1*limit$  (first allowable value) is changed such that the charge state of the power storage device 170 and the charge state of the power storage device 270 become equal to each other. Also this makes it possible to prevent that the charge state of one (for example, the power storage device 270) of the power storage devices 170 and 270 becomes significantly lower than the charge state of the other one (for example, the power storage device 170), and the period of time within which the actuators of the electrically-driven hydraulic work machine can obtain a predetermined speed can be extended.

#### 60 DESCRIPTION OF REFERENCE CHARACTERS

3a to 3h: Actuator

4: Control valve block

6a to 6h: Flow control valve

7a to 7h: Pressure compensating valve

9a to 9g: Shuttle valve

14, 32: Relief valve

16a to 16j: Directional selector valve (flow control valve)  
 19a to 19p: Shuttle valve  
 20, 21: Proportional solenoid valve (horsepower distribution control section)  
 24: Gate lock lever  
 31: Hydraulic fluid supply line (pilot)  
 40, 41, 42: Pressure sensor  
 43, 44: Pressure sensor  
 50, 55: Controller  
 51: Virtual limitation torque calculation section (horsepower distribution control section)  
 51a: First SOC estimation section (first charge state estimation section)  
 51b: Second SOC estimation section (second charge state estimation section)  
 51c: Differentiation section (horsepower control amount calculation section)  
 51d: First table (horsepower control amount calculation section)  
 51e: Second table (horsepower control amount calculation section)  
 52, 53: Electric motor rotational speed control section  
 52r, 53r: Variable horsepower control table (first and second horsepower control devices; horsepower control section; first and second allowable value changing section)  
 52s, 53s: Minimum value selection section (first and second horsepower control devices)  
 52a to 52m: Table and other calculation factors (first flow control section)  
 53a to 53m: Table and other calculation factors (second flow control section)  
 56: Reference rotational speed instruction dial  
 80a to 80j: Check valve  
 100: Selector valve  
 101, 201: Electric motor (first and second electric motors)  
 102, 202: Main pump of the fixed displacement type (first and second hydraulic pumps)  
 104: Control valve block  
 105, 205: Hydraulic fluid supply line (main)  
 122, 422: Main pump of the variable displacement type (first hydraulic pumps)  
 122a, 222a, 422a, 622a: Regulator piston (first and second horsepower control devices)  
 130, 230, 30: Pilot pump of the variable displacement type  
 133, 233, 180, 280: Check valve  
 150: Controller  
 151: Proportional solenoid valve target current calculation section (horsepower distribution control section)  
 152a, 152b to 155a, 155b: Table and multiplication section (first and second flow control sections)  
 160, 260, 360: Inverter  
 161, 261, 361: Step-up/step-down chopper  
 170, 270: Power storage device (first and second power storage devices)  
 171, 271: Battery management system (BMS)  
 180, 280: Check valve (first and second check valves)  
 222, 622: Main pump of the variable displacement type (second hydraulic pump)  
 301: Electric motor (third electric motor)  
 305, 307, 308: Common hydraulic fluid supply line  
 401, 601: Electric motor (first and second electric motors)  
 460, 660: Inverter

The invention claimed is:

1. A hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine including a first hydraulic pump, a plurality of actuators driven by hydraulic fluid supplied from the first hydraulic pump, a plurality of flow control valves

that control directions and flow rates of the hydraulic fluids to be supplied to the plurality of actuators, a first electric motor that drives the first hydraulic pump, a first power storage device that supplies electric power to the first electric motor, and a first horsepower control device configured to decrease, when a delivery pressure of the first hydraulic pump increases, a delivery flow rate of the first hydraulic pump to control an absorption horsepower of the first hydraulic pump so as not to exceed a first allowable value,

the hydraulic drive system comprising:

a second hydraulic pump;

a common hydraulic fluid supply line in which hydraulic fluids delivered from the first and second hydraulic pumps are merged and are supplied to the plurality of flow control valves;

a second electric motor that drives the second hydraulic pump;

a second power storage device that supplies electric power to the second electric motor;

a second horsepower control device configured to decrease, when a delivery pressure of the second hydraulic pump increases, a delivery flow rate of the second hydraulic pump to control an absorption horsepower of the second hydraulic pump so as not to exceed a second allowable value; and

a controller including a horsepower distribution control section configured to change at least one of the first and second allowable values of the first and second horsepower control devices such that a charge state of the first power storage device and a charge state of the second power storage device become equal to each other.

2. The hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second hydraulic pumps is a hydraulic pump of fixed displacement type, and the first and second horsepower control devices configured to control rotational speeds of the first and second hydraulic pump respectively to control the absorption horsepower of the first and second hydraulic pumps such that the absorption horsepower of the first hydraulic pump does not exceed the first allowable value and the absorption horsepower of the second hydraulic pump does not exceed the second allowable value.
3. The hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second hydraulic pumps is a hydraulic pump of variable displacement type, and the first and second horsepower control devices are configured to control displacements of the first and second hydraulic pump respectively to control the absorption horsepower of the first and second hydraulic pumps such that the absorption horsepower of the first hydraulic pump does not exceed the first allowable value and the absorption horsepower of the second hydraulic pump does not exceed the second allowable value.
4. The hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of operation devices that command operations of the plurality of actuators, wherein the controller further includes

a first flow control section configured to perform, when at least one of the plurality of operation devices is operated, load sensing control for controlling a delivery flow rate of the first hydraulic pump such that the

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delivery pressure of the first hydraulic pump becomes higher by a target differential pressure than a highest load pressure of the plurality actuators, and a second flow control section configured to perform, when at least one of the plurality of operation devices is operated, load sensing control for controlling a delivery flow rate of the second hydraulic pump such that the delivery pressure of the second hydraulic pump becomes higher by the target differential pressure than the highest load pressure of the plurality of actuators, the first and second flow control sections are configured to control rotational speeds of the first and second hydraulic pumps respectively to control the delivery flow rates of the first and second hydraulic pumps such that the delivery pressures of the first and second hydraulic pumps become higher by the target differential pressure than the highest load pressure of the plurality of actuators, and

the first and second horsepower control devices are configured to control the delivery flow rates of the first and second hydraulic pumps respectively, which are controlled by the load sensing control, such that the absorption horsepower of the first hydraulic pump does not exceed the first allowable value and the absorption horsepower of the second hydraulic pump does not exceed the second allowable value.

5. The hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of operation devices that command operations of the plurality of actuators, wherein the controller further includes

a first flow control section configured to perform, when at least one of the plurality of operation devices is operated, positive flow control for controlling a delivery flow rate of the first hydraulic pump as a required flow rate by the operation device increases, and

a second flow control section configured to perform, when at least one of the plurality of operation devices is operated, positive flow control for controlling a delivery flow rate of the second hydraulic pump as a required flow rate by the operation device increases, the first and second flow control sections are configured to control rotational speeds of the first and second hydraulic pumps respectively to control the delivery flow rates of the first and second hydraulic pumps as the required flow rate increases, and

the first and second horsepower control devices are configured to control the delivery flow rates of the first and second hydraulic pumps respectively, which are controlled by the positive flow control, such that the absorption horsepower of the first hydraulic pump does not exceed the first allowable value and the absorption horsepower of the second hydraulic pump does not exceed the second allowable value.

6. The hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to claim 1, wherein the horsepower distribution control section of the controller includes

a first charge state estimation section configured to estimate a charge state of the first power storage device,

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a second charge state estimation section configured to estimate a charge state of the second power storage device,

a horsepower control amount calculation section configured to calculate, when the charge state of the first power storage device estimated by the first charge state estimation section is lower than the charge state of the second power storage device estimated by the second charge state estimation section, a first horsepower control amount for decreasing the absorption power of the first hydraulic pump and calculate, when the charge state of the second power storage device estimated by the second charge state estimation section is lower than the charge state of the first power storage device estimated by the first charge state estimation section, a second horsepower control amount for decreasing the absorption power of the second hydraulic pump,

a first allowable value changing section configured to change the first allowable value for the first horsepower control device on the basis of the first horsepower control amount calculated by the horsepower control amount calculation section, and

a second allowable value changing section configured to change the second allowable value for the second horsepower control device on the basis of the second horsepower control amount calculated by the horsepower control amount calculation section.

7. The hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first hydraulic fluid supply line that introduces the hydraulic fluid from the first hydraulic pump to the common hydraulic fluid supply line;

a second hydraulic fluid supply line that introduces the hydraulic fluid from the second hydraulic pump to the common hydraulic fluid supply line;

a first check valve provided in the first hydraulic fluid supply line to block a flow of the hydraulic fluid from the common hydraulic fluid supply line to the first hydraulic pump; and

a second check valve provided in the second hydraulic fluid supply line for blocking a flow of the hydraulic fluid from the common hydraulic fluid supply line to the second hydraulic pump.

8. The hydraulic drive system for an electrically-driven hydraulic work machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

a pilot pump of fixed displacement type that generates a pilot primary pressure as a primary pressure for a plurality of operation devices that command operation of the plurality of actuators;

a third electric motor to which electric power is supplied from one of the first and second power storage device to drive the pilot pump; and

a pilot pump control device including a controller configured to control a rotational speed of the third electric motor such that the pilot primary pressure generated by the pilot pump becomes equal to a target pressure.

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